H9P8TUC1 1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK 2 3 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 4 16 Cr. 91 (PKC) V. 5 SCOTT TUCKER and Trial TIMOTHY MUIR, 6 Defendants. 7 -----x 8 New York, N.Y. September 25, 2017 9 12:30 p.m. 10 Before: 11 HON. P. KEVIN CASTEL 12 District Judge and a jury 13 **APPEARANCES** 14 JOON H. KIM Acting United States Attorney for the 15 Southern District of New York BY: NIKETH V. VELAMOOR HAGAN C. SCOTTEN 16 SAGAR K. RAVI 17 Assistant United States Attorneys FREEMAN NOOTER & GINSBERG 18 Attorneys for Defendant Tucker LEE A. GINSBERG 19 BY: NADJIA LIMANI 20 -and-STAMPUR & ROTH 21 BY: JAMES M. ROTH 22 BATH & EDMONDS, P.A. Attorneys for Defendant Muir 23 BY: THOMAS J. BATH -and-24 BEVERLY VAN NESS 25

1 (Trial resumed; jury present) CAROLYN WILLIAMS, resumed. 2 THE COURT: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. 3 4 I want to apologize to you for the late start today. 5 I felt the best way to handle the need for me to attend to a 6 matter relating to the case was by letting you know right up 7 front and letting you do something else with your time until now, and I appreciate your being so cooperative and 8 9 understanding. I take total responsibility, and it was an 10 unforeseen matter that we have taken care of, and we are back 11 in action and it's really good to see you. So, Ms. Williams, the Court reminds you that you are 12 13 still under oath. 14 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. 15 THE COURT: Mr. Ravi, you may continue. 16 DIRECT EXAMINATION (Cont'd) 17 BY MR. RAVI: 18 Q. Ms. Williams, we ended last Wednesday by playing the first 19 of three recordings that you made with Mr. Brady, correct? 20 Α. Yes. 21 Those recordings took place in the same time the BA 22 licensing agreement for eCash was being presented to the AMG 23 board, is that correct? 24 A. Yes, that's correct.

And eCash was the software that was used to administer and

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1 process the loans?

- A. Yes.
- 3 | Q. AMG had already been using eCash at the time, correct?
- 4 A. Yes.

- Q. What did you understand to be the purpose of this licensing
- 6 agreement, based on your discussions with Mr. Brady?
- 7 A. Don told me that the purpose of the licensing agreement was 8 to facilitate Scott Tucker taking a large amount of money out
- 9 of the company.
- 10 | Q. Why was it necessary to have this agreement?
- 11 A. Essentially to create a paper trail.
- 12 Q. Now, at the time of these recordings, had the AMG board
- approved the BA Services licensing agreement?
- 14 A. No, they had not.
- Q. I would like to turn your attention now back to Government Exhibit 408 T, which is in the transcript binder.
- We already played this recording, Ms. Williams, but if
 I could turn your attention to page 1, at line 16.
- Mr. Brady states, "The only thing that we have even been involved in is giving our sovereign immunity to help protect all of Scott's money and all of his enterprise and all
- of the -- everything. Uh, that's the extent of our
- 23 participation."
- What did you understand that to mean, Ms. Williams?
- 25 A. That's the tribe's sole participation in the loan company

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- was strictly to receive a small amount of money based on the total revenues overall, in exchange for which they would give
- 3 | him -- that they would shield him with their sovereign
- 4 immunity.

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- Q. Turning to line 24, where you stated, "We've represented that we own 100 percent of that business."
- 7 What were you referring to there?
- A. I was referring to the declarations that Don Brady had made for some of the state court litigations.
 - Q. Were those state court litigations relating to the payday loan business?
- 12 A. Yes, they were.
- Q. Ms. Williams, what was your reaction to this conversation that you had with Don Brady on June 12, 2012?
- A. I was horrified. I was scared. I was really terrified. I didn't want to be involved in anything like this. I felt that
- he misled me, and I felt that he was misleading everyone in the tribe.
- Q. Did that include at some of the board meetings where he was presenting to the AMG board?
- 21 A. I'm sorry. Can you repeat that, please?
- Q. Did you believe he was misleading in the board meetings in which he presented to the AMG board?
- 24 A. Absolutely.
- 25 Q. I would like to now turn to the next recording, which is

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Government Exhibit 409.

Ms. Williams, where specifically -- first of all, what is the date of when this recording took place?

- The date is June 19, 2012. Α.
- 5 Describe for the jury the context in which this recording was made. 6
 - A. Don had gone to Kansas City to the loan company offices there, and he had called me -- I was away from my desk. He called me and asked me -- I was at the front desk, and he wanted some information about one of the terms of the BA licensing agreement.
- 12 So he was in Kansas City and where were you at the time 13 this recording was made?
 - A. Initially, at the time of this recording, I went back to my office, which was at the west end of his office, and I called him back.
 - Q. When you called him back, did you turn on the recording device on your phone?
- 19 A. I did.
- 20 Q. At this time, I would like to start to play Government 21 Exhibit 409, and the transcript is 409T in the transcript 22 binder.
- 23 (Audiotape played)
- 24 MR. RAVI: Let's stop there.
- 25 Ms. Williams, turning to line 4 of page 1 of the

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transcript, you said, "You know, originally, we were just going to pay back his capital."

What is the word "his" referring to there?

- A. Scott Tucker.
- Q. What did you mean when you said "we were just going to pay back his capital," what were you referencing?
 - A. The BA agreement was the second agreement that had been basically put forward to authorize Scott Tucker to take several hundred million dollars out of the loan company in a lump sum, and they were characterizing it initially as working capital that he had contributed, but that was owed to him.
 - Q. Was that the purchase agreement you testified about last week?
 - A. Right. That was the purchase agreement.

Then when the attorneys became concerned about the phrasing of the purchase agreement and getting back into the merger, then they brought forward the BA licensing agreement.

- Q. When you refer to attorneys, who are you referring to?
- A. Conly Schulte was particularly concerned because he was the attorney who handled most of the state litigations where the declarations had been filed.
- Q. Are you referring to any other attorneys at this time?
- A. Tim Muir was involved in those discussions as well.

24 THE COURT: Please slow down and speak distinctly.

THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

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THE COURT: Thank you.

Then turning to line 5, you said, "And now, we're going to Q. pay him for his licensing?"

Was that a reference to the transition to the BA Services licensing agreement?

- A. That's correct.
 - In line 6 you stated, "Then we are going to pay for a purchase for a company we, we have already told our board that we already own."

What were you referencing there?

- 11 I was referencing the 2008 merger and acquisition of CLK by 12 AMG Services.
 - That was the supposed merger you testified about last week?
- 14 Yes, sir. Α.
 - Finally, at line 13 and 14, you talk about completing a transaction that has already been completed according to all the representations. What transaction were you referencing
- there? 18
- 19 That was the purported acquisition of 100 percent of the 20 assets of CLK.
- 21 MR. RAVI: Let's go ahead and start the recording 22 again. Begin at line 19 on page 1.
- 23 (Audiotape played)
- 24 Q. Ms. Williams, turning back to the transcript at page 1, 25 line 22, you mentioned "the Blitz deal." What is that?

them.

- A. The tribe had looked at purchasing a local plastics manufacturing company in Miami that was called Blitz Manufacturing, and there had been some issues with the product, and so there was discussion about doing appropriate due diligence to determine any potential liability going forward because of product liability.
- Q. Why did you mention the Blitz deal in this conversation?

 A. Because the BA Services agreement, in its earliest versions

and then going forward a little bit was changed, would have placed all the liability for any actions, either civil or criminal, by Scott Tucker or Blaine Tucker or other employees of the loan company and the Miami tribe would have assumed all the responsibility for all of these actions without any money to pay any fines or fees or penalties that might arise from

- Q. Were you suggesting here that more due diligence was necessary?
- A. Absolutely. They needed to at least determine what their potential liability would have been on the IRS audit, the FTC lawsuit, any other litigations that were current. They didn't have any clue what assets they might have to be able to take care of those potential obligations.
- Q. Ms. Williams, I would like to now turn your attention to the third recording that you made with Mr. Brady, and this is the final recording you made, correct?

- 1 A. Yes, with Don.
- 2 MR. RAVI: At this time, the government offers 3 Government Exhibit 410.
- 4 | THE COURT: Any objection?
- 5 MR. GINSBERG: No, your Honor.
- 6 THE COURT: Received.
- 7 (Government's Exhibit 410 received in evidence)
- 8 | Q. What was the date of this recording, Ms. Williams?
 - A. June 20, 2012.
- 10 Q. Describe the context in which this recording is made.
- 11 A. It was after work on the 20th, and I went into Don's office
- 12 | to talk with him. I was, again, hoping to dissuade him from
- 13 the course of action that he was on.
- 14 | Q. Did you turn on your phone at some point when you walked in
- 15 his office?

- 16 | A. I did.
- MR. RAVI: Go ahead and start playing the transcript of 410T.
- 19 (Audiotape played)
- 20 MR. RAVI: Let's pause there for a moment.
- 21 | Q. Ms. Williams, when you said at the end there "it's all
- 22 | liability, " what were you referencing?
- 23 | A. I was referencing the terms of the agreement, the BA
- 24 | licensing agreement, that placed all of the liability for the
- 25 actions of Scott Tucker and Blaine Tucker and other loan

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company employees, it would place all of the liability for
those actions, if they were deemed civilly or criminally wrong,
back on the tribe.

MR. RAVI: Let's continue playing the recording, beginning on line 7 of page 2 of the transcript.

(Audiotape played)

MR. RAVI: Pause there.

- Q. Turning back to page 2 of the transcript, Ms. Williams, when you refer to the intellectual property on line 16, what are you referring to?
- A. I'm referring to use of the eCash system.
- Q. And turning to line 20, when Mr. Brady states, "It's gonna be liabilities. There -- nothing's gonna happen here, dear.

 It's pretty much business as usual except uh -- as we wait for the final big agreement."

What did you understand Mr. Brady to mean there?

A. That it was just another scam, that it was just paperwork to dress up, that there was nothing changing. There wasn't going to be any increase in revenue for the tribe. There wasn't going to be any change in anything substantial. It was just a paper trail.

Q. Turning to page 3, at line 14, when Mr. Brady refers to "big bumps now put into 14 or 15 million this year if that happens -- if some of them happens. \$15 million this year, we'll get that. But that's not, uh, the millions sitting in

the accounts. That's Scott's."

What did you understand Mr. Brady to mean there?

A. In addition to the 1 percent, roughly, that was supposed to have been moneys collected during a period of month that the tribe received off of their five loan portfolios, that they were also going to be given a dollar per loan, and they had already received a payment, I think, of \$3 million, they were anticipating up to 5.5 million for that, and that Scott was giving them as an incentive to get them to enter into the BA licensing agreement.

MR. RAVI: Start playing now at line 7 on page 4 of the transcript.

(Audiotape played)

MR. RAVI: Let's pause there briefly.

- Q. Ms. Williams, at line 11, you mentioned that you provide certain documentation. What were you referring to there?

 A. Minutes of the meetings and anything that Don asked me to
- type, anything that purported to make this thing look like anything besides a scam. There were so many people being misled.
- Q. Let's go ahead and turn now to the last part of the recording.

(Audiotape played)

Q. Ms. Williams, turning to line 8 of page 5 of the transcript, Mr. Brady references that he has made declarations

- 1 and things. What was he referencing there?
- 2 A. He is referring to signed declarations that were submitted
- 3 in some of the state court litigation.
- Q. The next line, line 10, Mr. Brady refers to "the IRS thing."
- 6 What does that relate to?
- A. It's related to an IRS audit on withholding for the loan company, for employees of the loan company.
 - Q. Did that also include an audit of tribal entities?
- 10 A. Well, it was for MNE Services in AMG.
- 11 Q. What did Mr. Brady tell you about that IRS audit?
- 12 A. He said that if there was money owed, that Scott would pay
- 13 | it and we didn't have to worry about it.
- Q. Did Mr. Brady meet with the IRS in connection with that
- 15 | audit?

- 16 A. He did. He was very worried about it.
- Q. What concerns did Mr. Brady express to you regarding that meeting?
- 19 A. He didn't have answers to information that he thought a
- 20 person that was representing himself as the CEO of a company
- 21 | should have. He didn't know anything about the finances. He
- 22 | didn't know some of the money -- where some of the money had
- 23 been spent, very significant amounts of money that he wouldn't
- 24 have answers for those questions.
- 25 | Q. We will turn now to a different topic, and you can put the

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transcripts away for just a while. We will return to them in a bit.

Now, Ms. Williams, shortly after these recordings that took place in June 2012, was the BA Services agreement ultimately agreed to by the tribe?

- A. Yes, by AMG, by the board of AMG.
- Q. Ultimately, did Mr. Brady advise the AMG board to sign or to not sign the BA Services agreement?
 - A. He consistently pushed for it.
- Q. What reasons did he provide to the board as to why they should sign this agreement?
 - A. He said if they didn't sign it, that Scott was going to take the loan company to another tribe, and we would be back where we were with nine employees and most of the people on those boards would have lost their jobs within the tribe.
- Q. How many times did Mr. Brady mention the possibility that
- 17 | Mr. Tucker would take the loan business to another tribe?
- 18 A. Many, many times, any time anybody resisted what he was
 19 supposed to get done.
- Q. When Mr. Brady said Mr. Tucker might take the loan business elsewhere, did any board members contest that statement?
- 22 | A. No.
- Q. Do you recall exactly when the BA Services agreement was agreed to by the tribe?
- 25 \blacksquare A. It was the end of June in 2012.

- Q. Turning to the declarations that were mentioned on the recordings, those were filed in state court litigations relating to the payday loan business, correct?
 - A. That's correct.

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- Q. How are you familiar with these declarations or filings in state court?
 - A. That was part of my job to organize these documents, and they were part of the documents that I was creating indexes for. And then I also had to produce them to the attorneys in the FTC lawsuit.
 - Q. I am handing you a number of exhibits. I would like to show you now Government Exhibit 322.

Do you recognize this?

- | A. I do.
- Q. What is it?
- A. It's a declaration that Don filed -- Don signed. It's

 called, "Second declaration of Don Brady in support of renewed

 motion to quash and dismiss for lack of subject matter

 jurisdiction."
 - MR. RAVI: The government offers Government Exhibit 322.
- 22 THE COURT: Any objection?
- MR. GINSBERG: No.
- 24 THE COURT: Received.
- 25 (Government's Exhibit 322 received in evidence)

- 1 MR. RAVI: Please publish that for the jury.
- If you could highlight on page 1 the three lawyers
 that are listed on the top left.
- 4 | Q. Do you recognize any of those names?
 - A. I do.

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- 6 0. Which ones?
- 7 A. Shilee Mullin and Conly Schulte were two of the attorneys 8 that I had interactions with.
 - MR. RAVI: If you can now zoom out and focus in on the second declaration of Don Brady, in support of renewed motion to quash and dismiss for lack of subject matter jurisdiction.
- Can you turn now to page 6.
 - Zoom in on the date and the signature line.
- 14 A. I'm sorry. Page what?
- Q. Page 6. These are on the screen in front of you as well.
- 16 What is the date of this declaration?
- 17 A. May 30, 2012.
- 18 | Q. Who signed it?
- 19 A. Don Brady.
- Q. If we can turn to the portion right above that, and just
- 21 read what that says.
- 22 A. "I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of
- 23 | the State of California that the foregoing is true and
- 24 correct."
- 25 Q. Ms. Williams, were you at the tribe on May 30, 2012?

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- A. I was.
- Q. Now turn to page 3.

If you can focus in on the first half of the paragraph of paragraph 6.

Please read the first two sentences, Ms. Williams.

- A. "In performance of my duties as CEO of MNE, I manage the services that MNE and its subdivisions provide, as well as maintain the ultimate responsibility for its books, records and accounts. Also, I manage the operation of MNE, and am ultimately responsible for marketing, strategy and compliance with all regulations pertaining to MNE."
- 12 Q. Now, the loan business was associated with MNES, correct?
- 13 A. That's correct.
- 14 Q. Did that fall under the umbrella of MNE?
- 15 A. MNE was the parent organization of MNE Services.
- 16 Q. When Mr. Brady stated that he manages the services that MNE
- 17 and its subdivisions provide, was at that accurate with respect
- 18 | to the payday loan business?
- 19 A. It was not.
- 20 | Q. Why not?
- A. Because he had no access to the books and records and the accounts.
- Q. Did he manage the services that were provided by the payday
- 24 | loan business?
- 25 A. No.

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Q. Turning to the rest of that sentence it states, "as well as maintain the ultimate responsibility for its books, records and accounts."

Was that a true statement at the time?

- A. No, it was not.
- 6 Q. Again, why was that not a true statement?
 - A. Because he didn't have access to that information.
 - Q. Turning to the next sentence, Mr. Brady states that he is
- 9 "ultimately responsible for marketing, strategy and compliance with all regulations pertaining to MNE."
- Was Mr. Brady responsible for marketing, strategy and compliance with respect to the payday loan business?
- 13 A. No, he was not.
- 14 | Q. Were these statements accurate with respect to MNE's other
- 15 | businesses?
- 16 A. Yes, they were.
- 17 | Q. But not with respect to the payday loan business?
- 18 A. That's correct.
- 19 | Q. Let's turn to page 3, paragraph 7.
- 20 Can you just read the last sentence?
- 21 | A. "Also, one of the businesses that I operate as CEO of MNE
- 22 | is Miami tribe's online short-term loan company, which was
- 23 originally operated by MTBE."
- 24 | Was that a true statement?
- 25 A. No.

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- 1 \mathbb{Q} . Why not?
 - A. Because he didn't operate it.
- 3 \parallel Q. Turn now to page 4, at paragraph 13.

The first clause states, "MNE processes and approves the loan applications pursuant to criteria that MNE has approved," and states "underwriting" in parentheses.

Was that a true statement?

- A. No.
- Q. Why is that a false statement?
- 10 A. Because all of the operations took place in Kansas City.
- 11 All that happened -- all that happened on the tribal
- 12 | headquarters was just a little dog and pony show.
- Q. Did MNE ever approve criteria pursuant to which the loans were approved?
- 15 A. They did not.
- 16 Q. Going further in that sentence, Mr. Brady states, "I (or in
- 17 | limited instances another MNE executive) approve the loan
- 18 applications daily at MNE headquarters located on the tribe's
- 19 | trust land."
- 20 Was that a true statement?
- 21 A. We went through a process that was called approving the
- 22 | loans, I was one of those people that had the function a few
- 23 | times, but we made no decisions about that. It was strictly a
- 24 | clerical function. Enter a password in a particular portfolio,
- 25 you looked for the correct date, you scroll down, hit a button,

- you close that out, and you go to the next one.
- 2 Was this the supposed loan approval process that you Q.
- 3 testified about last week?
- Yes. 4 Α.
- 5 Q. And when Mr. Brady refers to another MNE executive, is he referring to you? 6
- 7 I was third in line. Gena Lankford was ahead of me.
- 8 Finally, in the second to last sentence, as well as the
- 9 last sentence, states, "Upon such approval the loan is
- 10 consummated."
- 11 Was that a true statement?
- 12 I don't believe so.
- 13 And finally, it states that the loans are consummated on
- 14 Indian lands and within the jurisdiction of the Miami tribe.
- Is that a true statement? 15
- 16 No, it was not. Α.
- 17 Let's turn now to page 5, paragraph 17.
- If we can focus in on the first sentence. 18
- 19 Would you please read that sentence, Ms. Williams?
- 20 "All profits that MNE and MNE Services, Inc. receive from
- 21 their loan business and profits received from AMG are utilized
- 22 for the benefit of the Miami tribe, and are distributed to many
- 23 different programs and for many different services."
- 24 Was that a true statement, Ms. Williams?
- 25 Α. No, it is not.

- Why is that a false statement? 1
- Because the tribe only received a pittance. They received, 2 Α.
- 3 roughly, 1 percent of the payments that had been received for
- 4 that month. And the only money they had control over was that
- 5 money -- that check, that money that they received. They had
- 6 no control over any of the significant money, and that other
- 7 money, with the exception of the 1 percent, was never used for
- the benefit of the tribe. 8
- 9 Q. Who provided those checks to the tribe of the 1 percent?
- 10 Scott Tucker and Blaine Tucker. Α.
- 11 Where did the rest of the 99 percent of the profit go?
- 12 Α. It went to them.
- 13 When you say "them," who are you referring to? 0.
- 14 To Scott Tucker and Blaine Tucker. Α.
- 15 Ms. Williams, to your knowledge, were any of these Q.
- statements, these false statements that we have discussed 16
- 17 accurate at any time prior to when you returned to the tribe in
- 2011? 18
- 19 A. No.
- 20 MR. GINSBERG: Objection, your Honor.
- 21 THE COURT: Basis.
- 22 MR. GINSBERG: The way the question is framed, there
- 23 is a period of time where she is not working at the tribe.
- 24 THE COURT: Rephrase your question, please.
- 25 Ms. Williams, you were previously at the tribe at some

1 point, correct?

- A. I was from mid-2003 through the fall of 2005.
- 3 Q. Were you aware of whether the false statements that we just
- 4 discussed were accurate at the time that you were at the tribe
- 5 | in 2003 through 2005?
- 6 A. I don't believe the statement would have been accurate.
- 7 | Q. I would like to now turn to Government Exhibit 309.
- 8 MR. RAVI: The government offers Government Exhibit 9 309.
- 10 | THE COURT: Any objection?
- 11 MR. GINSBERG: No objection.
- 12 THE COURT: Received.
- 13 (Government's Exhibit 309 received in evidence)
- MR. RAVI: Please publish that.
- 15 | Q. Ms. Williams, who is this e-mail from and to?
- 16 A. The e-mail is from Conly Schulte to Scott Tucker.
- 17 Q. What is the subject?
- 18 A. Colorado filings.
- 19 Q. If you would please read the bottom of the e-mail.
- 20 A. "Scott. Attached are the documents filed in Denver
- 21 district court yesterday. The plan is to essentially make
- 22 | these same arguments to the court on Friday in Denver, although
- 23 | I suspect the state will ask for more time to respond to these
- 24 | arguments. I'll let you know how things go."
- Q. What is the date on this e-mail?

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- Turn now to the attachment. What is the attachment? 2 Q.
- 3 A. Affidavit of Don Brady in support of special appearance to
- contest jurisdiction. 4
- 5 Q. Is Conly Schulte one of the attorneys that is listed on
- this? 6
- 7 A. Yes, he is.
- 8 If we turn to the last page, what is the date of this
- 9 affidavit?
- 10 July 15, 2005. Α.
- 11 0. Who is it signed by?
- 12 Α. Don Brady.
- 13 Q. Does that contain the same language that Mr. Brady swears
- 14 under penalty of perjury that what is contained in the
- affidavit was true? 15
- 16 Α. Yes.
- 17 Q. Let's turn now to page 2, and paragraph 2, focus in on the
- second and third sentences. 18
- 19 Can you please read beginning with "in performance of
- 20 my duties"?
- 21 "In performance of my duties as CEO of MNE, I manage the
- 22 services that MNE and its entities provide, as well as maintain
- 23 the ultimate responsibility for its books, records and
- 24 accounts. Also, I manage the day-to-day operation of MNE, and
- 25 am ultimately responsible for marketing, strategy, and

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- 1 compliance with all regulations."
- Q. Were you at the tribe at the time that this affidavit was filed?
- 4 A. I was, but I was not working with the loan company.
- Q. While you were working with the loan company, are you aware
- 6 whether this statement was true false or false?
- 7 A. I do not believe it was true.
 - Q. To your knowledge, based on working with Mr. Brady, you
- 9 don't believe this was true?
- 10 | A. No.

- 11 Q. Turning now to page 3, paragraph 6. Please read that
- 12 paragraph.
- 13 A. "MNE, d/b/a Cash Advance (hereinafter 'Cash Advance')
- 14 provides cash advance services to eligible borrowers pursuant
- 15 | to express loan agreements, and the loan transactions occur on
- 16 | Indian lands of the Miami tribe of Oklahoma."
- 17 | Q. Are you aware of whether this statement was true or false
- 18 | at the time that you were at the tribe and working with Don
- 19 | Brady?
- 20 A. I do not believe that was true.
- 21 | Q. Are these statements in this declaration filed in 2005
- 22 | similar to the statements that we discussed were false in 2012?
- 23 | A. Yes.
- 24 MR. RAVI: Take this down.
- I would like to offer now Government Exhibit 323.

1 MR. GINSBERG: No objection.

2 THE COURT: Received.

(Government's Exhibit 323 received in evidence)

- Q. Ms. Williams, turning to the bottom e-mail first, what is
- 5 | the date of that e-mail?
- 6 A. July 14, 2005.

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- Q. Who is this e-mail sent to?
- 8 | A. It says to elyons@joneskeller.com and to Richard C.
- 9 Wallace, with copies to Conly J. Schulte,
- 10 | k.bellmard@miamination.com, and kbellmard@andrewsdavis.com.
- 11 Q. Do you know who K. Bellmard is?
- 12 A. Ken Bellmard was a part-time general counsel for the tribe
- 13 | in that time period.
- 14 Q. Go to the "from" and "to" lines at the top of the e-mail.
- 15 A. From Conly J. Schulte to Scott Tucker.
- 16 | O. What is the date of that e-mail?
- 17 | A. July 14, 2005.
- 18 Q. Please read the body of that top e-mail?
- 19 A. "Scott. Attached are the current drafts of the filings.
- 20 | The current plan is finalize tomorrow and file them on Monday."
- 21 | Q. Is there an attachment to this e-mail?
- 22 A. There is.
- 23 Q. Can you just turn to the second page.
- Is this a draft of the Don Brady affidavit that we
- 25 | just discussed that was filed in 2005?

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Yes.

- Q. Turn now to Government 316.
- 3 MR. RAVI: The government offers Government Exhibit 4 316.
- 5 MR. GINSBERG: No objection, your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Received.

(Government's Exhibit 316 received in evidence)

8 MR. RAVI: Publish this, please.

- Q. Ms. Williams, does this exhibit, Government Exhibit 316, contain a subsequent e-mail on the same chain that we just
- 11 | discussed?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. And if we can focus on the top e-mail, what is the date of that?
- 15 | A. Friday, July 15, 2005.
- 16 \| \text{O.} \text{ Who is that from and who is it to?}
- 17 A. From Scott Tucker to Conly Schulte.
- 18 Q. Can you please read the body?
- 19 A. "Conly. I think (but you are the expert) that these look
- 20 good and to the point. As I asked earlier, do we have to
- 21 disclose to them these before the hearing? And if so, will the
- 22 | hearing most likely be postponed once they receive these?"
- 23 Q. Is this referring to the same draft of the Don Brady
- 24 | affidavit?
- 25 A. Yes.

1 MR. RAVI: You can take this down.

The government now offers Government Exhibit 315.

MR. GINSBERG: No objection.

THE COURT: Received.

(Government's Exhibit 315 received in evidence)

- Q. Ms. Williams, on Government Exhibit 315, is this also a subsequent e-mail on the same e-mail chain?
- A. Yes.

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- Q. If you can now focus in on the second e-mail from the top.
- 10 | A. Yes.
- 11 Q. What is the date of that e-mail?
- 12 | A. Thursday, July 14, 2005.
- 13 | O. Who is the e-mail from and to?
- 14 A. From Conly Schulte to Scott Tucker.
- 15 \parallel Q. We are focusing on the e-mail the second from the top.
- 16 | A. OK.
- 17 | Q. Do you see that on the screen in front of you?
- 18 A. I do. Oh, I see. Sorry.
- 19 Q. Who is that e-mail from and to?
- 20 A. From Scott Tucker to Blaine Tucker.
- 21 Q. Read the body of the e-mail.
- 22 | A. "Check these out. Let me know what you think."
- 23 | Q. This again is the same Don Brady, a draft of the Don Brady
- 24 | affidavit?
- 25 A. Yes.

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Turn now to the top e-mail. 1 0.

Who is this from and to?

- From Blaine Tucker to Scott Tucker. Α.
 - What is the date of this e-mail? Q.
- July 15, 2005. Α.
- Please read the body of the e-mail. 0.
- "I like them, especially the one from Don B." Α.

MR. RAVI: We can take that down. 8

- Ms. Williams, you mentioned you're familiar with other declarations and affidavits of Mr. Brady that were filed in state court litigations relating to the payday loan business,
- 12 correct?
- 13 A. Yes.
 - MR. RAVI: The government at this time offers Government Exhibit 317, 318, 319, 320 and 321.
 - MR. GINSBERG: I am trying not to be hypertechnical, but the question was other affidavits, and now we are referring to some exhibits. I think we should identify that these are some of the declarations she is familiar with.
 - THE COURT: Why don't you lay a little bit of a foundation, please, Mr. Ravi.
- 22 Q. Ms. Williams, have you previously reviewed what is in 23 Government Exhibits 317, 318, 319, 320 and 321? They should also be in front of you. 24
 - Yes, I am familiar with these.

- Are those all affidavits or declarations of Mr. Brady that 1
- 2 were filed in state court litigations relating to the payday
- 3 loan business?
- 4 Α. Yes.

- 5 The government offers Government Exhibits MR. RAVI: 317, 318, 319, 320 and 321. 6
- 7 MR. GINSBERG: I have no objection, your Honor.
- THE COURT: Received. 8
 - (Government's Exhibits 317, 318, 319, 320 and 321 received in evidence)
- 11 Q. You can put those exhibits aside for now, Ms. Williams.
- 12 Ms. Williams, you testified last week that you had 13 some concerns that made you question the tribe and Mr. Brady's
- role regarding the payday loan business, correct? 14
- 15 Α. Yes.
- 16 One of things you mentioned was the signing of documents by
- 17 Mr. Brady, correct?
- 18 Yes. Α.
- 19 Who sent these documents to be signed by Mr. Brady?
- 20 Generally, Natalie Dempsey would FedEx them. Α.
- 21 How were they received at the tribe? Q.
- 22 They were sent by FedEx, and they were given to Don Brady,
- 23 and he would execute the documents, if that was required, and
- 24 then we would turn around and FedEx them back.
- 25 What types of documents are we generally talking about?

- A. Sometimes vendor contracts, sometimes declaration pages similar to these. Those are the principal ones.
- Q. Was Mr. Brady always provided the entire document when he was asked to sign a document?
 - A. No. Sometimes he only got the signature page.
- 6 Q. What would he have to do with the signature page?
- 7 A. He would just sign it, have it notarized, and then return
- 8 | it.

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- 9 Q. Did the tribe also receive mail in connection with the loan company?
- 11 | A. We did.

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- 12 | Q. What kind of mail?
- statements, from Bay City Bank, US Bank, Welch State Bank, and

On a monthly basis, we received copies of the bank

- 15 we would receive documents from consumer protection agencies,
- 16 offices of attorney general in different states, and also some
- mail that was sent from, like, credit protection organizations,
- 18 nonprofits that helped people when they were struggling with
- 19 their bills.
- 20 Q. Where was this mail specifically received at?
- 21 A. The mail that I saw was sent to the MNE building at 3531 P
- 22 | Street NW, in Miami.
- 23 | Q. Are you familiar with what happened to this mail?
- 24 | A. Yes.
- 25 | Q. How are you familiar with what happened with the mail?

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- 1 A. Because at times I would handle the mail as well.
 - Q. What was done with this mail, generally?
- 3 A. In the first few months I was there, before all the issues
- 4 | with the BA Services agreement started to heat up and prior to
- 5 | the FTC lawsuit being filed, the bank statements were simply
- 6 | FedEx'd overnight to Natalie Dempsey unopened. The things from
- 7 | offices of attorney general or from consumer protection
- 8 | agencies, I would make a copy of whatever pages were inside
- 9 | those, keep a copy in my office, and those would be sent -- I'm
- 10 sorry, the ones from the offices of attorney general, anything
- 11 | that alleged there was a complaint of some kind, would be sent
- 12 to Conly Schulte's office. The other mail, which was from
- organizations that made payment arrangements for people who
- 14 | needed to pay out their loans and things, would be sent just
- 15 | overnight to the Kansas City office as well.
- 16 Q. Was anyone reviewing any of this mail at the tribe when it
- 17 | was received?
- 18 | A. The pieces that appeared to be from, for example, the
- 19 attorney general's office, we would open those. But the other
- 20 mail, until sometime mid-2012, the other mail was just
- 21 repackaged in FedEx packs and sent overnight.
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- 1 BY MR. RAVI:
- 2 | Q. Sent overnight where?
- 3 A. To, generally, Natalie Dempsey at the Kansas City office.
- 4 Q. Who instructed that the mail be handled in this manner?
- 5 A. Don Brady.
- 6 Q. Based on your conversations with Mr. Brady, why did the
- 7 | mail come first to the tribe instead of just going directly to
- 8 Overland Park, Kansas?
- 9 A. Because they were, Don said they needed, the mail was sent
- 10 to offices on tribal trust land so that it would appear that
- 11 | the company, that the loan company was operated on trust land.
- 12 Q. I'd like to now turn to a different topic. Ms. Williams,
- 13 | at some point did you have a position relating to the payday
- 14 | loan business?
- 15 | A. I did.
- 16 | Q. And what was that position?
- 17 A. I -- probably mid-2012, I, I became a supervisor for the
- 18 | loan company employees that actually worked on property at --
- 19 | that were designated as loan company employees working on
- 20 property at the P Street address in Miami.
- 21 | Q. How many employees are we talking about?
- 22 A. Anywhere from two to four.
- 23 | Q. And where did these employees work?
- 24 | A. They occupied offices on the west end of the MNE building
- 25 on P Street.

- Q. You mentioned that you were a supervisor. What did you do as a supervisor of these employees?
- 3 A. Well, I had no training in the loan business at all, so all
- 4 | I did was just record their leave time. I signed their leave
- 5 | slips. If they were absent for illness or medication --
- 6 | vacation, and on occasion I would talk with them about any
- 7 disputes they had with each other.
 - Q. So what did these two to four employees do?
- 9 A. They sat at computer terminals, and I understood from
- 10 conversations with them that sometimes they would make calls
- 11 | back to people who had applied for the loans but had not
- 12 consummated them.

- 13 Q. And who trained these two to four employees?
- 14 A. Crystal Grote.
- 15 | Q. Who is Crystal Grote?
- 16 A. She was a supervisor, I'm not sure what her title was, in
- 17 | the Kansas City loan company office.
- 18 Q. And who did these employees get their directions from?
- 19 A. From Crystal.
- 20 | Q. Was she their supervisor?
- 21 A. I was their supervisor on paper.
- 22 | Q. And who paid these two to four employees that worked at the
- 23 | Miami Oklahoma?
- 24 A. My salary and their salaries were paid through MNE.
- 25 | Q. In other words, were they paid by the tribe, or were they

- 1 paid by the payday loan business?
- 2 A. They were paid by the tribe.
- 3 | Q. Were any of these employees' salaries reimbursed by the
- 4 payday loan business?
- 5 A. No, they were not, not in the time period that I was there.
- 6 Q. Did these employees receive bonuses?
- 7 A. No, they were not allowed to participate in the bonus
- 8 structure that the Kansas City employees had.
- 9 Q. Did you ever provide these employees work to do?
- 10 A. Yes, sometimes they would help me with scanning documents
- 11 and moving, reorganizing files.
- 12 | Q. And were those tasks related to the payday loan business?
- 13 A. Well, from the standpoint that there was, it was a clerical
- 14 | function. It had nothing to do with what their job
- 15 designations were.
- 16 | Q. Did you ever provide these employees with any feedback on
- 17 | how their work was?
- 18 A. On two or three occasions that I recall, we received an
- 19 email from Crystal Grote talking about their production or
- 20 | ranking their production among those four employees or two to
- 21 | four employees, but that was it.
- 22 | Q. Were these employees involved in any decisions related to
- 23 | reviewing and approving loan applications?
- 24 A. They were not.
- 25 Q. Now, based on your discussions with Mr. Brady, why were

- these employees working from the tribe's offices rather than at the payday loan business in Kansas City?
- 3 A. Don said they thought having loan company employees
- 4 supported the idea that the business was being operated on
- 5 | tribal trust land.
- 6 Q. But again, were these employees doing anything related to
- 7 | loan approvals?
- 8 | A. No.
- 9 Q. Ms. Williams, you also participated in a board meeting
- 10 concerning these entities, correct?
- 11 | A. I did.
- 12 Q. Which entities were they?
- 13 A. AMG, MNE Services and later MNE.
- 14 | Q. In what capacity did you participate in these board
- 15 | meetings?
- 16 A. I was the recording secretary.
- 17 Q. What did that mean?
- 18 A. I prepared the agenda for the meetings, distributed any
- 19 documents earlier -- prior to the meetings and then recorded
- 20 the minutes during the meetings.
- 21 | Q. Was there an article that came out related to the payday
- 22 | lending company at some point?
- 23 A. Yes, there was a news article that came out --
- 24 MR. GINSBERG: Objection.
- 25 THE COURT: Sustained.

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- 1 Q. Approximately when did that article come out?
 - A. It would have been late summer, early fall of 2011.
- Q. Without going into the substance of the article, what was
- 4 | the impact of that article on AMG and MNES board members?
 - A. They were not very happy about it. They were receiving phone calls from tribal members who were, some who were not aware that the tribe --

MR. GINSBERG: Objection, your Honor, unless the witness has direct knowledge of those calls.

THE COURT: Sustained.

- Q. Ms. Williams, are you aware of whether the AMG board or the MNES board met regularly prior to when that article came out in 2011?
- A. I found no evidence of regular meetings when I was assembling the documents.
 - Q. When you say you were assembling the documents, why were you assembling documents?
 - A. One of the jobs, reasons that I was hired was to organize and provide indexes of all of the organizational documents, which would have included minutes of meetings and the incorporation documents.
- Q. Are you aware of any board meetings or board minutes that occurred prior to 2011 for the AMG and MNES boards?
- A. Just the initial organizational documents in the 2008 time period.

- And AMG and MNES were formed when? 1
 - Α. In 2008.

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- 3 So between approximately 2008 to 2011, other than the initial board meetings, you're not aware of any board meetings 4
- 5 or board minutes that took place during that time?

MR. GINSBERG: Objection, your Honor. She wasn't there during that whole period of time.

THE COURT: Rephrase.

- BY MR. RAVI:
- 10 Q. Ms. Williams, would you be familiar whether or not there 11 were board minutes recorded between the time period between 2008 and 2011? 12
- 13 I would have been.
- 15 Α. Because part of my job included organizing these documents

And why would you -- how would you be familiar with that?

- 16 and providing them to the attorneys for discovery in the state
- 17 litigations.

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- 18 Q. So even though you weren't at the tribe between 2008 and
- 2011, you were tasked with finding board minutes that occurred 19
- 20 prior to when you were there and organizing those documents for
- 21 litigation, correct?
- 22 That's correct, from after 2008 as relates to AMG and MNE
- 23 Services.
- 24 Q. Are you aware of any board meeting minutes that the tribe
- 25 had between 2008 and 2011 other than the initial meeting?

- 1 Α. I don't recall any.
- Ms. Williams, approximately when did the FTC investigation 2 Q.
- 3 become public?
- 4 The complaint was filed in early April. I don't recall Α.
- 5 whether there was any press prior to that.
- 6 Does April 2012 sound about right? 0.
- 7 I'm sorry. 2012. Yes.
- Now, prior to that FTC investigation that became public in 8
- 9 April 2012, what was discussed regarding the payday loan
- 10 business in board meetings at AMG and MNES?
- 11 A. A typical agenda included Don providing a financial
- 12 overview, which was essentially reporting on the amount of
- 13 check that was received from the previous month, or whatever
- 14 time period. And there would also be status updates on, for
- 15 example, on any state litigation, and -- that was still
- pending, and also on the status of the IRS audit. 16
- 17 When did that IRS audit begin?
- 18 I believe it began at some point in 2011. I can't tell you
- 19 exactly the date.
- 20 Q. So other than the amount of money the tribe was receiving
- 21 and the status of the state court litigation or the IRS audit,
- 22 was anything else, any other topics relating to the payday loan
- 23 business, discussed in these board meetings prior to April
- 24 2012?

On occasion they would discuss the use of their, the

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1 payment they received.

- Q. Prior to the FTC investigation becoming public, did AMG and MNES act as real boards?
- 4 MR. GINSBERG: Objection, your Honor.
- 5 THE COURT: Rephrase it.
- Q. Ms. Williams, prior to the FTC investigation becoming
 public in April 2012, did the AMG or MNES boards ever make
 decisions regarding the policies and procedures of the payday
- 9 | loan business?
- 10 A. They did not.
- 11 Q. Did they ever make decisions regarding the operations of
- 12 | the payday loan business?
- 13 A. No, they did not.
- 14 Q. Did they ever make decisions regarding the terms of loans
- 15 or criteria for loan approval?
- 16 | A. No.
- 17 | Q. Did they ever make decisions regarding the collection of
- 18 | loans?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 | Q. Did they ever make decisions or review the books and
- 21 | records of the payday loan business?
- 22 | A. No.
- 23 Q. Did they ever initiate any resolutions that should be
- 24 passed regarding the payday loan business?
- 25 A. On occasion they were directed to do resolutions that

- related to opening bank accounts and authorizing certain signatories on the bank accounts.
- 3 | Q. And who directed those resolutions to be passed?
- 4 A. Usually that would have been -- well, the attorneys would
- 5 have prepared them, but they would have been authorized by
- 6 | Scott and Blaine Tucker.
- 7 | Q. Who are the attorneys you're referring to?
- 8 A. Conly Schulte.
- 9 Q. Are you referring to any other attorneys?
- 10 A. Conly Schulte and Shilee Mullin would send drafts of
- 11 resolutions.
- 12 | Q. And after the FTC investigation became public in April of
- 13 | 2012, did the boards begin to act differently?
- 14 | A. Oh, yes.
- 15 | Q. And how did they begin to act differently?
- 16 A. They started asking questions. They were concerned about
- 17 | their lack of knowledge.
- 18 | Q. And can you describe those concerns more specifically?
- 19 A. They were concerned that if they were subpoenaed to testify
- 20 | in any court proceedings --
- 21 MR. GINSBERG: Your Honor, I object to this general
- 22 | narrative, "they." It's a board. There are a lot of different
- 23 members. There were different meetings.
- 24 | THE COURT: Put a new question to the witness.
- 25 BY MR. RAVI:

Q. Ms. Williams, when you're speaking about the boards acting differently, who are you referring to?

- A. The members of the MNE Services board were particularly concerned because their entity that they supposedly oversaw was responsible for the money. AMG's board seemed to have less concern because they were over the people and the buildings and vendor contracts and things of that nature. But Gina Lankford, Donya Williams and Scott Willard, who were the NME Services board, expressed concern on multiple occasions.
- Q. And were these concerns as a result of the things we've been talking about, the FTC investigation becoming public?
- 12 A. Yes.

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- 13 | Q. The IRS audit?
- 14 A. Absolutely.
- 15 | Q. As well as that news article that came out?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Ms. Williams, you mentioned --
- THE COURT: Do you have much more, Mr. Ravi?
- MR. RAVI: Yes, your Honor.
- THE COURT: Let's take a brief recess, ladies and
 gentlemen. Please do not discuss the case among yourselves.

 Keep an open mind. See you in ten minutes.
- 23 (Jury not present)
- 24 | THE COURT: See you in ten minutes.
- 25 (Recess)

1 THE COURT: Bring our jurors in, please.

(Jury present)

THE COURT: Please be seated.

You may continue.

MR. RAVI: Thank you, your Honor.

- Q. Ms. Williams, prior to the break, you talked about how prior to April 2012, the boards talked about the amount of money they were receiving from the payday loan business, correct?
- 10 | A. Yes.

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- 11 Q. And how did that money come in?
- A. It came in a monthly check. It was usually a check that
 was stapled to an adding machine tape that -- the numbers on
 the adding machine tape represented the amounts that they were
- 15 due from the individual portfolios.
- Q. And how was that check, the amount on those checks supposed
- 17 | to be calculated?
- 18 A. 1 percent.
- 19 Q. It was the same 1 percent we've talked about before,
- 20 correct?
- 21 | A. Yes.
- 22 | Q. And what was your role with respect to these checks?
- 23 A. I would make copies of them and put them in a binder.
- 24 Q. How often would they come in?
- 25 A. Monthly.

- 1 Q. And roughly how much money was received in these checks?
- 2 A. Varying amounts. I'm going to say 150 to 450,000. More
- 3 money closer to the holidays.
- 4 | Q. More money came out around the holidays?
- 5 | A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Who were the checks made out from?
- 7 A. MNES and Tribal Financial Services, TFS.
- 8 THE WITNESS: God bless you.
- 9 THE COURT: Thank you.
- 10 Q. To your knowledge, did the tribe verify the amount of money
- 11 | it was receiving?
- 12 A. They did not.
- 13 | Q. Did the tribe ever exercise any due diligence as to whether
- 14 the amount on the check equaled 1 percent of the revenues?
- 15 A. They did not.
- 16 Q. To your knowledge, did the tribe have any way of verifying
- 17 | the amount it received was 1 percent?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 | Q. And why is that?
- 20 A. They didn't have access to the financials.
- 21 | Q. The financials of the payday loan business?
- 22 | A. That's correct.
- 23 | Q. Ms. Williams, you mentioned last week that there was no
- 24 payment by the tribe for the supposed merger of CLK to AMG
- 25 until two years later, correct?

1	A. That's correct.
2	MR. RAVI: At this time the government offers
3	Government Exhibit 1313.
4	THE COURT: Any objection?
5	MR. GINSBERG: No objection, your Honor.
6	THE COURT: Received.
7	(Government Exhibit 1313 received in evidence)
8	BY MR. RAVI:
9	Q. Ms. Williams, could you please read the name that's on the
10	top in the center of this document?
11	MR. GINSBERG: Your Honor, could we just take it down
12	for a second?
13	THE COURT: Take it down for a second, please.
14	MR. GINSBERG: Do you see the issue, your Honor?
15	Could I approach?
16	THE COURT: What portion should I look at?
17	MR. GINSBERG: The side.
18	THE COURT: The side?
19	MR. GINSBERG: The left-hand side, yes.
20	THE COURT: Let me see you at sidebar.
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THE COURT: The marking on the side would appear to indicate that it was produced by the IRS, I suppose, as part of the investigation that it conducted.

MR. GINSBERG: I suspect. I mean, I think, frankly, I have no problem stipulating that they received a check in the amount of whatever. I think that obviates any problem. I don't really think the government needs more than that for what they're doing. That would be my proposal.

THE COURT: Is that acceptable?

MR. RAVI: No, your Honor. We believe that the page, the cover page for the check, there's some handwriting that shows exactly what the check was for and specifically states on that handwriting that the check is not supposed to mention anything in the memo line, thereby indicating that there was some intention at least to ensure that this check could not be connected to the merger payment that was made.

THE COURT: All right. I'm going to allow the exhibit as is. I'm going to tell the jury to ignore any of the markings that were put on after the document was generated, markings about where it came from, etc. There's no prejudice here, because the jury already has heard testimony that there was an IRS investigation.

MR. GINSBERG: OK.

THE COURT: Thank you.

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THE COURT: Government Exhibit 1313 is received.

Ladies and gentlemen, you'll see that there are some stampings on the document, some markings on the document. You can ignore them. They were put on presumably after the document was generated.

Go ahead, Mr. Ravi.

BY MR. RAVI:

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- 9 Q. Ms. Williams, at the top, in the center, can you just read
 10 what's listed? Is there a name there?
- 11 A. Yes. There's a company named Westfund and then Scott
 12 Tucker, principal.
- Q. And then below that, do you see some handwriting, ignoring the stamp that's across the document?
- 15 | A. I do.
- 16 | Q. What does that say?
- 17 A. "AMG to Scott Tucker, \$135,259, re purchase," and then
- 18 "purchase agreement CLK."
- 19 Q. That's to the right-hand side of the document, correct?
- 20 | A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Then is there also some writing, handwriting on the bottom
- 22 | left side of the document?
- A. Yes, it says "I," and then underscored "do not want anything in the memo line on check. See me."
- MR. RAVI: Could we now turn to the third page of this

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- 1 document.
- 2 Q. Is this a check, Ms. Williams?
- 3 A. Yes, it is.
- 4 | Q. What's the date of this check?
- 5 A. June 29, 2010.
- 6 Q. And who does this check pay?
- 7 A. It's paid to Scott A. Tucker.
- 8 | Q. Who is it signed by?
- 9 A. Don Brady.
- 10 0. And who is the check from?
- 11 A. The account is from AMG Services Inc.
- 12 | Q. And what's the amount on this check?
- 13 | A. \$135,259.17.
- 14 | Q. Do you know how that amount was calculated?
- 15 A. The amortization schedule. The original purchase price was
- 16 | \$120,000.
- 17 | Q. Is that amortization schedule on page 2 of this document?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 MR. RAVI: Please turn to that and publish it for the
- 20 | jury. You can take that down.
- 21 The government would now offer Government Exhibit
- 22 4026.
- 23 | THE COURT: Any objection?
- MR. GINSBERG: No, your Honor.
- 25 THE COURT: Received.

1 (Government Exhibit 4026 received in evidence)

2 MR. RAVI: Could we focus on the bottom of the email and publish.

- Q. Who is this email to and from?
- 5 A. From Tim Muir to Scott Tucker.
- 6 Q. What's the date?
- 7 A. Wednesday, June 30, 2010.
- 8 | Q. Please read the body of the email?
- 9 A. "Did you ever get that check down to Don for his sig?"

 10 MR. RAVI: Go to the next email above that.
- 11 Q. Did Scott Tucker respond to that email?
- 12 | A. He did.

- 13 | Q. And what did he respond with?
- 14 A. "Yes, I have it. It is signed and in my office."
- 15 | Q. When was that email sent?
- 16 A. June 30, 2010.
- 17 Q. And is that the day after the check that we just saw was
- 18 dated?
- 19 A. That's correct.
- 20 MR. RAVI: Turn to the next email.
- 21 | Q. Who is this from and who is this to?
- 22 A. From Tim Muir to Scott Tucker.
- MR. RAVI: I'll just have you highlight the body of the email.
- 25 Turn to the next email above that.

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- 1 Q. Who sent this email?
- 2 A. Scott Tucker.
- 3 Q. And what did he write?
- 4 A. "Yes. I will have Blaine give it to you tomorrow."
- 5 MR. RAVI: Finally, could we just go to the top email.
 - Q. Does Mr. Muir respond?
- 7 A. Yes.

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- Q. What does he respond with?
- 9 A. "Thank you."
- 10 MR. RAVI: You can take that down.
- 11 The government now offers Government Exhibit 1213.
- 12 THE COURT: Any objection?
- MR. GINSBERG: No, your Honor.
- 14 THE COURT: Received.
- 15 (Government Exhibit 1213 received in evidence)
- THE COURT: 1213, correct?
- 17 MR. RAVI: 1213.
- 18 THE COURT: Received.
- 19 MR. RAVI: Focus on the top paragraph and the heading.
- 20 Q. Read the first line, please.
- 21 A. "I, Scott Tucker, do hereby certify that I am secretary of
- 22 | Tribal Financial, a corporation organized under the laws of the
- 23 state of blank.
- 24 Q. You can stop there. What is Tribal Financial?
- 25 A. Tribal Financial Services was a company that was formed by

- 1 Miami tribe.
- 2 Q. Was it formed in relation to the payday loan business?
- $3 \parallel A. \text{ Yes, it was.}$
- 4 MR. RAVI: Could we just turn to the second page.
- 5 Please turn to the date of this, in the middle.
- 6 | 0. The date?
- 7 A. January 18, 2005.
- MR. RAVI: Focus in on the signatures.
- 9 Q. What's written next to the signatures?
- 10 A. Scott Tucker and Blaine Tucker.
- 11 | Q. Were you ever aware of whether Scott Tucker served as
- 12 | secretary of Tribal Financial?
- 13 A. Not to my knowledge.
- MR. RAVI: You can take that down.
- 15 Q. We had mentioned Mr. Muir last week, correct?
- 16 | A. Yes.
- 17 | Q. And what was Mr. Muir's role in the payday loan business?
- 18 A. He was Scott Tucker's lawyer.
- 19 | Q. And when did you first interact with Mr. Muir?
- 20 | A. In November of 2011.
- 21 | Q. And where did you interact with him?
- 22 A. In Kansas City or Overland Park, at the loan company
- 23 offices.
- 24 | Q. You visited the loan company offices?
- 25 A. I did, with the board members, with the AMG board members.

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- 1 Q. And this took place approximately November 2011, you said?
- 2 | A. Yes.
- Q. Describe the offices of the payday loan business that you
- 4 visited.
- 5 A. It was a large building, three or four stories high. The
- 6 offices were full. They had a very, very large, nice-sized
- 7 conference room with the largest conference table I've ever
- 8 seen. And then there were multiple offices. They were
- 9 cubbies, basically, in the, in the call center. And then there
- 10 were individual offices in the administrative section.
- 11 | Q. And you mentioned that this was a meeting that took place
- 12 at the offices?
- 13 A. Yes, it was a board meeting.
- 14 Q. Which board?
- 15 A. AMG Services.
- 16 | Q. What happened at this meeting?
- 17 A. There were general discussions. Some of the people in
- 18 | Kansas City office were introduced and the board members and
- 19 Wes Gamble, who was Chief Gamble's son, received iPads.
- 20 | Q. What were these iPads for, if there was any discussion at
- 21 | the board meeting?
- 22 | A. They were told that, that they would allow them to have
- 23 confidential communications.
- 24 | Q. And who said this?
- 25 A. I don't remember whether it was Scott or, or Tim Muir.

- And was there also a social aspect to this meeting that 1 2 took place in Kansas City?
- 3 A. Yes, we had a very nice dinner, stayed in a nice hotel, came back. 4
 - Q. And approximately how much time was spent, if any, discussing the payday loan business at this meeting?
- 7 A. Not a great, not a great length of time. The entire board meeting only took about an hour, and that was after all the 8 9 introductions were made and people's jobs were described.
 - Did the AMG board take any action or make any decisions based on the information that was provided at that meeting?
- Not that I recall. I would have to review the minutes. 12
 - Now, Ms. Williams, at some point when you were employed at the Miami tribe from beginning of 2011, did you consider reaching out to government authorities?
- 16 I did. Α.

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- 17 And when did you first consider doing that? Q.
- 18 After Don told me that the whole thing was just a scam. Α.
- 19 And was that the first recording that was played here? Q.
- 20 Α. Yes.
- 21 Q. And after that recording, after that conversation took 22 place, did you reach out, did you attempt to reach out to the
- 23 IRS?
- 24 A. Not until after the, the second and third conversations 25 that I had with him when I was imploring him to just, you know,

- fix this, do it right, and after that, I called -- I contacted the IRS office in Oklahoma City.
- 3 | Q. And approximately when did you do that?
- 4 A. It would have been sometime late June, early July, some,
- 5 some, somewhere in that time frame, I think. Somewhere in
- 6 July, possibly.
- 7 Q. Why did you consider reaching out to the government, to the
- 8 | IRS, after those three conversations with Mr. Brady?
- 9 A. Because I was terrified. And I wanted to be on the right
- 10 side.
- 11 Q. Now, did there come a time after you were employed at the
- 12 | Miami tribe that you made a whistleblower's submission to the
- 13 | IRS?
- 14 A. I did, after I left the tribe in 2013.
- 15 Q. And why were you no longer working at the tribe in -- let
- 16 me rephrase.
- What were you told as to why you were no longer
- 18 working at the tribe?
- 19 A. My termination letter was fairly benign. It didn't cite a
- 20 particular cause, just that my services weren't -- if I recall,
- 21 | just that my services were no longer needed.
- 22 | Q. And after you were -- is it fair to say you were fired?
- 23 A. I was fired, yes.
- 24 | Q. After you were fired, did you make a formal whistleblower's
- 25 submission to the IRS?

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- 1 | A. Yes.
- 2 Q. And as a factual matter, can you please generally describe
- 3 | what you recorded in your whistleblower's submission?
- 4 A. That the loan company operation that -- that it was
- 5 | basically just a scam. It was a rent-a-tribe, a rent-a-tribe
- 6 | situation.
- 7 | Q. What do you mean by rent-a-tribe?
- 8 A. Oh, when a tribe is paid a pittance to offer their
- 9 sovereign immunity to protect someone from violations of state
- 10 \parallel laws.
- 11 | Q. Ms. Williams, did you also take documents from the tribe in
- 12 | connection with your whistleblower's submission?
- 13 A. I did take documents.
- 14 | Q. When did you take those documents?
- 15 A. Sometime around the time that I was fired.
- 16 | Q. That was before you were fired, correct?
- 17 | A. Yes.
- 18 | Q. Or shortly before?
- 19 A. Yes. I expected to be fired.
- 20 | Q. What kinds of documents did you take?
- 21 A. I took all kinds of documents. The organizational
- 22 | documents, the minutes of board meetings. They were scanned
- 23 copies; I took them on a thumb drive.
- Q. Were you authorized to take these documents from the tribe?
- $25 \parallel A$. I was not.

- Q. Did you also access a computer that you weren't authorized to access?
 - A. I did.

- Q. Whose computer was that?
- A. That was Joe Frazier's, who was the CEO of MNE and of AMG and MNE Services that took over after Don Brady was fired.
 - Q. We'll get into Don Brady being fired in a moment. Why did you access Joe Frazier's computer?
 - A. Joe had been delegated by the boards to try and negotiate a business-going-forward agreement with Scott Tucker that would have possibly put them in a little bit better situation in terms of risk to revenue, and he said he'd been asked to assume all of the risk for the loan company and to indemnify Scott and Blaine Tucker for any actions. Then the boards at some point decided that they wanted, that they thought that the percentage that they received from the loan company for him using their name should be significantly higher.
 - Q. And you were trying to access his computer for what specific reason?
 - A. Oh, well, over the course of these negotiations, Joe was more and more entrenched in, in what I would say is the Tucker camp, and he was doing some things without advising the board. And one of the things that he was doing was that he had agreed to transfer over a hundred million dollars back to the, back to Scott Tucker, which would have taken the last reserves that the

- 1 tribe had access to, that they would need if they had to pay
- 2 any fines or penalties.
- 3 Q. And were you accessing his computer to find evidence of
- 4 this?
- 5 | A. I did.
- 6 Q. Did you end up -- did you find anything?
- 7 A. I did. I found one page and I gave it to Gina Lankford,
- 8 the chairman of MNE Services.
- 9 Q. Were you fired shortly after that had happened?
- 10 A. Not for that.
- 11 | Q. At some point later on, you were fired?
- 12 | A. I was. I was put on administrative leave, I believe, on
- 13 | April 18 of 2013, and I was subsequently terminated at the
- 14 | board meeting the following Tuesday.
- 15 | Q. Now, Ms. Williams, did you make that submission, that
- 16 | whistleblower's submission to the IRS because you were aware of
- 17 | a whistleblower program?
- 18 | A. I did.
- 19 Q. And under that program, did you understand that you could
- 20 get money if amounts were recovered as a result of the
- 21 | information that you provided?
- 22 | A. Yes, I did.
- 23 | Q. Does your testimony here today have anything to do with
- 24 | your whistleblower's submission?
- MR. GINSBERG: Objection, your Honor.

- 1 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 2 A. No, it does not.
- 3 Q. Are you eligible to obtain any money as a result of
- 4 | testifying in this case?
- $5 \parallel A$. No, I am not.
- 6 Q. Does whether or not there's a conviction in this case
- 7 | affect the fact that you're not eligible to receive any money?
- 8 A. It has no impact on me at all.
- 9 Q. Are you testifying today pursuant to a subpoena?
- 10 | A. I am.
- 11 | Q. And if you were not subpoenaed to testify, would you still
- 12 | have testified?
- 13 A. Yes, if the government asked me to.
- 14 | Q. Now, Ms. Williams, in addition to your recordings with
- 15 | Mr. Brady, did you also make recordings of certain board
- 16 | meetings?
- 17 | A. I did.
- 18 | Q. How did you make those recordings?
- 19 A. On my cell phone.
- 20 | Q. Is this the same cell phone that you used to record
- 21 | meetings of Mr. Brady?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 | Q. Why did you make these recordings?
- 24 A. I was listening more, paying more attention. There were
- 25 more discussions before and after the meetings with the board

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members, and they were asking me what I thought, what I heard, and when you're trying to type and record the minutes at the same time, it's -- becomes more difficult, and there were

nuances of things that I wanted to, that I wanted to have.

- Q. Why were you typing?
- A. I was recording the minutes of the meetings, during the course of the meetings, board meetings.
- 8 Q. When approximately did you begin recording board meetings?
- 9 A. After my conversation with Don. After the initial conversation with Don.
- Q. Were there also some recordings that took place prior to your recordings with Mr. Brady?
 - A. I'm trying to remember. I don't know. I would have to refresh my memory.
- 15 | Q. I don't believe that's necessary.
 - Ms. Williams, did you make these recordings as a result of the conversations you had with Mr. Brady, or were they as a result of --
- 19 MR. GINSBERG: Objection, your Honor.
- 20 | A. I was --
- 21 THE COURT: Hold on.
- 22 MR. GINSBERG: I'm objecting before because of the way
 23 it's coming out.
- 24 THE COURT: Rephrase.
- 25 BY MR. RAVI:

- Q. Ms. Williams, why did you make these board meeting recordings?
 - A. So that I would have a, a better record of the things that were said. And if I may backtrack, your Honor, I recall recording a board meeting that was a combined board meeting prior to my conversation with Don. In fact, that was the meeting from which my conversation with Don occurred, as a result of that.
 - Q. And the fact that you recorded these board meetings, was it related to the conversations you had with Don Brady, or did you record them for separate reasons?
 - A. You know, at the time it was at the time I think I thought that it was important to have a good record. The boards were asking questions that they were being denied answers to, and I guess I saw it as part and parcel of making sure that they had all the information, that there was some record of all the information. I mean, a lot of it was just being sure that I actually had recorded things properly, because I felt intense pressure that there were, that there were some things that were going to be coming out of these, out of these, these litigations.
 - Q. I'm handing you what you've been previously handed,
 Government Exhibit 415. On Government Exhibit 415, did you
 listen to certain excerpts of the recordings of the board
 meetings that have been marked as Government Exhibits 404 and

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2	A. Yes.									
3	Q. And are those excerpts that you listened to true and									
4	accurate copies of portions of the recordings that you made?									
5	A. Yes.									
6	MR. RAVI: The government offers Government Exhibits									
7	404 and 406.									
8	MR. GINSBERG: No objection.									
9	THE COURT: Received.									
10	(Government Exhibits 404 and 406 received in									
11	evidence)									
12	MR. RAVI: There should also be transcripts that are									
13	marked, Government Exhibits 404T and 406T.									
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- 2 | Q. Did you sign those transcripts?
- 3 | A. I did.
- 4 | Q. What did you do once you signed them?
- 5 A. I initialed them and gave them back to you.
- Q. Did you initial them after you reviewed the transcripts for their accuracy?
 - A. Yes.

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- MR. RAVI: At this time, I would like to play Government Exhibit 404.
- It should be the transcript at 404T in your binders.
- 12 (Audiotape played)

they sit on?

- MR. RAVI: Pause there.
- Q. Ms. Williams, there are some names here that we may not have previously discussed. Can you describe who can be heard on this recording and what their positions are and what board
- A. Don Brady, who was CEO of MNE Services and AMG. He was not a member of the board; he reported to the board.
 - Donya Williams, who was the secretary-treasurer of the MNE Services board.
- Gena Lankford, who was the chair of the MNE Services
 board.
- Q. Turning to line 2 and 3 of page 1 of the transcript, Mr.
- 25 | Brady refers to "account names." Whose accounts is he

1 referring to?

- A. He is talking about bank accounts of the loan companies.
- 3 | Q. When Donya Williams refers at line 4 to "if they happened
- 4 | to get us up on a witness stand, " what do you understand her to
- 5 be referring to?
- 6 A. Donya was talking about the possibility that she might be
- 7 | subpoenaed or called to testify as a witness in any of the
- 8 | litigations -- the FTC litigation, the IRS audit.
- 9 \ Q. What is the date of this recording?
- 10 A. August 7, 2012.
- 11 | Q. Did this recording take place after the FTC investigation
- 12 | had become public?
- 13 | A. Yes.
- 14 Q. After the IRS audit?
- 15 | A. Yes.
- 16 | O. Also after that article that we discussed?
- 17 | A. Yes.
- 18 | Q. Beginning on line 12, Ms. Lankford mentions, "The first
- 19 | time I've seen these statements that came from the Welch State
- 20 Bank. And this is the first time that we've seen the Bay City
- 21 | Bank statements."
- 22 What did you understand Ms. Lankford to be referring
- 23 | to?
- 24 A. She was saying that this is the first time she had seen the
- 25 | bank statements from those bank accounts that had been opened

1 under MNE Services.

- 2 | Q. And she later mentions the name Natalie. Who is that a
- 3 reference to?
- 4 A. Natalie Dempsey.
- 5 | Q. At the end of page 1, there is a reference to a stamp by
- 6 Mr. Brady. What was he referring to?
- 7 A. Don's signature on these checks was done by auto signature,
- 8 so it was printed on the checks.
- 9 Q. Did Mr. Brady have access to that stamp?
- 10 A. No. It wasn't a hand stamp. It was printed signature on
- 11 | the checks, and that was all done out of the Kansas City
- 12 office.
- 13 MR. RAVI: Can we continue playing page 2 of the
- 14 | transcript.
- 15 (Audiotape played)
- MR. RAVI: Pause there.
- 17 | Q. When Mr. Brady says on line 12, "he's pretty strict about,"
- 18 who did you understand him to be referring to?
- 19 A. Scott Tucker.
- 20 MR. RAVI: Please continue.
- 21 (Audiotape played)
- MR. RAVI: Pause there.
- 23 Q. Ms. Williams, when Mr. Brady mentions in line 3 on page 3,
- 24 | "if they ask you details," who is the "you" that he is
- 25 | referring to?

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- He is referring to the board members of MNE Services. 1 that would be Gena Lankford, Donya Williams and Scott Willard. 2
 - What is the context of this discussion?
- Basically, Don was telling them what to say if they were 4 Α. 5 asked, if they were subpoenaed to testify. So, you don't know 6 this information, you're not supposed to know this information, 7 just say that Don Brady knows this information.

MR. RAVI: Let's continue, starting at page 3, line 12 of the transcript.

(Audiotape played)

MR. RAVI: Pause there.

- Q. Ms. Williams, beginning at page 3, line 12, Donya Williams appears to be reading something. What do you understand her to be reading?
- She is reading from the secretary-treasurer's responsibilities pursuant to the bylaws of MNE Services.
- 17 Why do you understand her to be reading this here? Ο.
- 18 Because I copied those documents and provided them to her.
 - Why was she reading those duties in the context of this conversation?
 - She wanted Don to understand that she had a duty as a board member, in that capacity as treasurer, to have all this information, to know all of this information, and to provide it if asked.
 - On page 4, line 6, Donya Williams states, "We don't have

1 | those things here, nor do we know."

A. That they had no financial information; they were not

What do you understand her to be referring to there?

allowed any financial information.

Q. You also referenced in line 8 of page 4 an amendment. What were you referencing?

A. Yes. Donya had — there was a provision in the bylaws that says "or the treasurer's duly appointed agent." We were actually going to add that as an amendment to the bylaws so that might take some of the liability off of Donya for not having that information.

MR. RAVI: If we can continue now playing the recording, at line 16, page 4.

(Audiotape played)

- Q. When Donya Williams states a reference to "somebody up there," who do you understand her to be referring to?
- A. She was wanting to have somebody in the Kansas City office that might have access to that information, who can in turn report to her. So it would be a subordinate position to treasurer. But at least someone, if we amended the bylaws to create that position, at least someone would have that information so it would be in conformance with the organizational documents.

MR. RAVI: Let's continue playing the recording.

(Audiotape played)

- 1 Q. Ms. Williams, turning to page 5 of the transcript, at line
- 2 | 15, Mr. Brady makes a reference to Blaine being listed as an
- 3 officer and Scott and Blaine being employees. What do you
- 4 understand Mr. Brady to be referring to?
- 5 A. He is referring to Blaine Tucker, that he may be listed as
- 6 an officer of the loan company, but he didn't know. He said
- 7 | that Scott is an employee, and he thought that Blaine was an
- 8 employee, and that they were employed at \$200 a month.
- 9 Q. When he says "listed," what do you understand him to be
- 10 | referring to as "listed"?
- 11 A. I'm not sure what he meant by listed. I don't know if they
- 12 | had an organizational chart there or not.
- 13 | Q. You don't know what the reference of listed was?
- 14 A. That's correct.
- MR. RAVI: Let's go on and continue playing the next
- 16 section.
- 17 (Audiotape played)
- 18 Q. Ms. Williams, turning back to page 6 of the transcript, Mr.
- 19 | Brady refers on line 20 to "but the other stuff wasn't so
- 20 | one-sided." What do you understand him to be referring to?
- 21 A. He was saying that in his business experience, that board
- 22 members were entitled to that, but that the other businesses he
- 23 | has dealt with, the structure, the revenue structure was not
- 24 set up like this, it wasn't so one-sided. He was always
- 25 | telling them, basically, shut up, take the money, don't ask any

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MR. RAVI: Let's go on and play the final portion of the recording.

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Q. Turning to line 3, Ms. Lankford mentions, "and his company has grown to me so fast."

Who is the "his company" referring to?

- A. Scott Tucker.
- Q. At the bottom, Ms. Lankford states at line 9, "What I want to know is what MNE Services does and what AMG does, and how they interact and how they pay each other and connect."

What was Ms. Lankford's position?

- 13 A. She was chairman of the MNE Services board.
 - Q. Finally, line 11, there is a reference from Mr. Brady to "make a list of questions."

What does that refer to?

- A. The board members continued asking questions; they were demanding more information. And, finally, Don said, just make a list of questions, and I will send them to Tim Muir and to Conly Schulte and see if they will answer them.
- Q. Was there a list of questions that was created?
- A. Yes. Scott Willard initiated the list of questions. There
 were a few more added to it in consultation with the other
- 24 board members.
 - Q. What was done with that list of questions?

1 A. They were e-mailed to Scott and Conly.

wasn't going to answer the questions.

- Q. Was there any response that was given to that list of questions?
- A. Well, subsequently -- no, there were no answers given

 during the time period that I was there. Subsequently, Don

 reported to the board that Tim Muir was furious and that he

8 MR. RAVI: We can take down that, and I think we are done with the transcripts, for the rest of my portion at least.

- Q. Ms. Williams, at some point was Mr. Brady fired by the tribe, you had mentioned?
- 12 | A. He was.

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- Q. When did that occur, approximately?
- 14 A. In November of 2012.
- 15 | Q. Was that, again, after the FTC investigation became public?
- 16 A. Yes.
- Q. After the FTC investigation became public, did the tribe retain Kirkland & Ellis in connection with that investigation?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 | Q. Was Mr. Brady fired after Kirkland & Ellis was retained?
- 21 | A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Turning back to that FTC investigation, did you have any
- 23 responsibilities regarding the tribe's response to that
- 24 | lawsuit?
- 25 A. Yes. My job was to collect the documents that were

requested in the discovery requests by the Federal Trade
Commission.

- Q. What kind of documents are we talking about?
- A. Organizational documents, minutes of board meetings, information about bank accounts.
- Q. At some point, did you attempt to contact any banks to obtain records relating to bank accounts?
- 8 | A. I did.

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- 9 Q. Describe what you did to try to get those bank account 10 records.
 - A. There were actually two efforts. One was I had contacted Natalie Dempsey, I believe, and asked her for information related to the banks and to contracts with vendors, and I subsequently got a telephone call from her and she said Blaine Tucker had instructed her to tell me to stand down.

At a later time, we had not provided all the information in the initial discovery, and so I had an assistant in our financial department, in the CFO's office, contact, I think it was US bank to see if there were other bank accounts for which we didn't have information, to be sure that we were submitting all of the financial information.

- Q. Did that contact eventually take place?
- A. Yeah. It would have been in, I think, January. Initially
 I thought it was closer to the time of the first production,
 but it's later in January -- in January 2013, around in there.

- 1 Q. January 2013 is about when this contact was made to US
- 2 Bank?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 | Q. Did this assistant indeed contact US Bank?
- 5 A. She did.
- 6 Q. Was she able to obtain any information regarding bank
- 7 | accounts?
- 8 A. No. She was told that they would not provide her with the
- 9 | information because she was not a signatory on the accounts.
- 10 | 0. These are accounts in whose names?
- 11 A. We had asked for information about any accounts held in the
- 12 | names of Miami tribe or any of its subordinate corporations.
- 13 Q. Did you subsequently have a conversation with Scott Tucker?
- 14 | A. I did.
- 15 \parallel Q. When did this conversation take place in relation to when
- 16 | the contact was made at US Bank?
- 17 A. Very shortly after that.
- 18 | Q. Where were you when you received this contact?
- 19 A. I was in my office at the Miami tribe.
- 20 Q. Was it a phone call?
- 21 | A. It was.
- 22 | Q. Describe that conversation with Mr. Tucker.
- 23 | A. He was very angry. He said that I was interfering with
- 24 sensitive relationships that had taken years to build with
- 25 these banks, and basically to butt out.

1 | Q. What was his demeanor on this call?

- A. He was angry. He dropped a few cuss words.
- Q. How long did the call last, approximately?
- 4 A. Not very long. I told him I was doing what I was tasked to
- 5 do, and I think he hung up on me.
- 6 Q. Ms. Williams, at any point in time, were you aware of
- 7 | whether the AMG board or any tribal entity authorized payments
- 8 | from AMG or any lending entities to level five racing?
- 9 A. No, they did not.

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- 10 | Q. At any point in time, are you aware of whether the AMG
- 11 | board or any tribal entity authorized payments from AMG or any
- 12 | lending entities to Charles Hallinan?
- 13 MR. GINSBERG: I am going to object to the first
- 14 | question. At any time is broader than the scope of her contact
- 15 | with the tribe.
- 16 | THE COURT: Rephrase both questions, please.
- 17 | Q. While you were participating in board meetings from 2011 to
- 18 | 2013, are you aware during that period of time of the board's
- 19 | authorizing payments to level five racing or Charles Hallinan?
- 20 | A. No, that did not occur while I was there, nor did I find
- 21 any record of it when I was assembling the other documents.
- 22 | Q. Are you aware of the board or any other tribe entity, while
- 23 you were at the tribe from 2011 to 2013, authorizing payments
- 24 | from any of the lending entities for an Aspen house for Scott
- 25 Tucker?

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1 | A. No.

- 2 | Q. Are you aware of the AMG board or any tribal entity
- 3 | authorizing payments for any lending entities for Mr. Tucker's

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- 5 | A. No.
- 6 MR. RAVI: No further questions, your Honor.
- 7 THE COURT: All right. Ladies and gentlemen, why

8 don't you stand up and stretch.

Who is going to conduct the cross?

MR. GINSBERG: I will, your Honor.

THE COURT: I will give you a second to get organized.

While you're up, take a deep breath.

Whenever you're ready, Mr. Ginsberg.

MR. GINSBERG: Thank you, your Honor.

- 15 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 16 BY MR. GINSBERG:
- 17 Q. Good afternoon, Ms. Williams.
- 18 A. Good afternoon.
- 19 Q. You told us that you first began to work for the Miami
- 20 | tribe at the invitation of Don Brady, is that correct?
- 21 A. That's correct.
- 22 | Q. That occurred sometime around 2003, is that correct?
- 23 A. Yes. My initial term of employment.
- 24 | Q. And Don Brady and his wife were social friends of yours, is
- 25 | that correct?

- 1 | A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Did you contact him or did he contact you and offer you a
- 3 | job?
- 4 A. He contacted me.
- 5 | Q. Then you began working at the Miami tribe, is that correct?
- 6 | A. Yes.
- 7 Q. For which entities were you working initially?
- 8 A. Initially, I was working for MTBE, Miami Tribe Business
- 9 Enterprises.
- 10 | Q. I think you also told us that you learned after you began
- 11 | to work there that part of what Mr. Brady's job was was to
- 12 | oversee the businesses that were already being run by the
- 13 | tribe, is that correct?
- 14 | A. Yes.
- 15 | Q. And to try to enhance those businesses, correct?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 | Q. Is it fair to say that also part of his function was to
- 18 seek new opportunities for the tribe?
- 19 A. That's correct.
- 20 Q. And at some point in time, you became aware that an
- 21 | opportunity was presented to the tribe through Don Brady
- 22 | regarding payday lending, is that correct?
- 23 | A. I became aware that the tribe had entered into an agreement
- 24 sometime, I believe, in October of 2003. I found out
- 25 subsequent to the initial offer in 2003, in October of 2003.

- On direct examination you identified initially a letter of 1 intent from Scott Tucker. Do you recall that? 2
- 3 I do. Α.
- That was just sort of an introductory letter describing the 4 Q.
- 5 nature of the payday lending business that Scott Tucker was
- involved in, is that fair to say? 6
- 7 That's correct. National Money Service.
- 8 That wasn't the agreement that was entered into, is that
- 9 correct?
- 10 The agreement was entered into with Universal
- 11 Management Service, UMS.
- 12 But there was a letter of intent, is that correct?
- 13 There was a letter from Scott Tucker to Don Brady
- and/or the tribe describing a business proposal, correct? 14
- 15 Α. I don't recall exactly who it was addressed to.
- You testified about it on direct examination, correct? 16
- 17 Yes, because I could see a copy of it at that time. Α.
- 18 Did you see a copy of it when you were testifying?
- 19 Α. Yes.
- 20 MR. GINSBERG: Can we put that exhibit up, please.
- 21 I'm sorry, your Honor.
- 22 Α. That's not the document.
- 23 THE COURT: Go ahead.
- 24 I appreciate that. MR. GINSBERG: Thank you.
- 25 You were asked questions about this document, is that

1 | correct?

- 2 A. Right.
- 3 Q. At some point in time, while you were employed during the
- 4 2003 and 2005 period, did you see this document?
- 5 | A. I did.
- 6 Q. Did you read the document?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 | Q. When you read the document, did you come to understand that
- 9 what was being proposed by Scott Tucker to the tribe and at
- 10 | that time to Chief Floyd Leonard was that the tribe would lend
- 11 money and that Scott Tucker would service the lending and
- 12 provide the money for them to lend?
- Is that what you understood the letter to mean?
- 14 | That's the question.
- 15 | A. At that time, I didn't really pay that much attention to
- 16 | it. I was not really directly involved in the loan company
- 17 | operation.
- 18 | Q. Then why did you read the letter at that time?
- 19 A. I read every letter that came across my desk.
- 20 Q. So if you read the letter that came across your desk,
- 21 | wouldn't you have paid attention to what the letter said?
- 22 | A. Yes, I'm sure I did. But I would have to reread it again
- 23 | to be sure of what my interpretation is.
- 24 | Q. You didn't have that problem on direct examination, you
- 25 didn't ask to have to reread it again, did you?

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- I don't know that they asked me what my interpretation of 1 2 the document was.
 - Take your time, read the letter again.

I guess you need to tell us when you need to have the page turned.

A. Please turn the page.

And again, please.

I am finished.

- Have you had an opportunity to read it now?
- 10 Α. I did.
- 11 Let's just leave the last page up there for the moment.

12 MR. GINSBERG: If we can highlight the top paragraph 13 on page 3, please. Thank you.

- Do you see that paragraph? 14 Q.
- 15 Α. I do.
- The second line in that paragraph says, does it not, "It is 16 17 assumed that the tribe will have legal authority to review all
- 18 activities of this payday loan business so that the business is
- truly a tribal business and not simply lending its name to some 19
- 20 distant commercial enterprise."
- 21 Do you see that?
- 22 Α. I do.
- 23 MR. GINSBERG: Can we go back to the first page,
- 24 please.

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On the first page, in the second full paragraph, do you see

reference to the fact that the tribe will be the lender, "Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, whereby the tribe will become an authorized lender and earn substantial income, while relying upon an authorized subsidiary of National Money Service to provide not only the capital to fund all loan transactions and all working capital requirements, but also the personnel, equipment, marketing and knowledge to make the business an immediate

Do you see that?

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- Q. Now, do you recall, having read it now, looking at it now, do you recall at the time reading it and understanding that
- 13 | that's what that letter said?
- A. I recall reading that, yes. I didn't pay a lot of
 attention to the loan company business. I was not engaged in
- 17 | Q. You told us that --
- 18 A. From 2003 to 2005.
- 19 | Q. Your job was what again, your job title was what?
- 20 A. I was an office manager and Don's assistant and other tasks
- 21 | that fell underneath that.
- 22 | Q. Was one of the tasks that fell underneath that reading the
- 23 | letters that came in?
- 24 A. I assume so.
- 25 | Q. Well, you were the one who was doing the job, correct?

- Α. Yes.

- This letter was addressed to Chief Floyd Leonard and the 2
- 3 tribal council, correct?
- That's correct. 4 Α.
- 5 It was not addressed to Don Brady?
- That's correct. 6 Α.
- 7 But you told us that in any event you read the letter,
- except that you didn't pay attention to what it said, correct? 8
- 9 I wasn't engaged in working with that business. It didn't
- 10 have any impact on me. It was simply a document that I was
- 11 keeping in a folder.
- 12 Q. But you read it. You didn't just take it and -- you didn't
- 13 just open it up and put it in a folder and file it away in a
- 14 drawer, is that correct?
- 15 Α. That's correct.
- You read it? 16 0.
- 17 I did. Α.
- 18 And when you read it, did you understand what the letter
- 19 was talking about?
- 20 I guess I would have understood what it was saying.
- 21 Well, you told us that during the 2003-2005 period, you had
- 22 various conversations with Don Brady about the payday lending
- 23 business, is that correct?
- 24 I had limited conversations with Don Brady about the payday
- 25 lending business during that time period. I had many, many

1 conversations with him in my second term of employment.

Objection.

Q. I am not the judge here and I can't direct you how to answer, but the question I asked you was, during 2003-2005, you told us that you had numerous conversations with Don Brady regarding the payday lending business, is that correct? Yes or

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THE COURT: Overruled.

- A. I did have some conversations with Don Brady during that time period.
- Q. In fact, you told us, on questioning from the government, that you apparently had enough conversations about the payday lending business, and knew enough from sitting outside of Mr. Brady's office during that period of time, to develop your opinion, even between 2003 and 2005, that the payday lending business was a sham, isn't that true? Isn't that what you testified to?
- A. No, I don't think that's what I said.
- 19 Q. What word did you use then?
- A. I did come to that conclusion after my second term of
 employment. Had I known that it was a scam, I would never have
 gone back to work for him. I did not want to be associated
 with that.
 - Q. I know that. And I also didn't ask you that. But during 2003 and 2005, you had conversations about the payday lending

- 1 | business, is that correct?
- 2 A. Yes. Don told me that, if Scott Tucker called, I was to
- 3 | find him, and he would direct me to take a packet to the mail
- 4 or to pick up a packet. And he also told me not to discuss the
- 5 operation or the existence of the loan company because he did
- 6 | not want the tribal members to know about it because they would
- 7 | want to use that money for other purposes besides the
- 8 | businesses.
- 9 Q. So when that piece of information was told to you, you did
- 10 nothing with that piece of information at that period of time
- 11 | while you were working there?
- 12 | A. No.
- 13 | Q. You didn't alert anybody else at the tribe?
- 14 A. No.

- Q. You didn't alert any law enforcement authorities?
- 16 A. I had no reason to believe that it was not legitimate.
- 17 | Q. It didn't alarm you the way he was describing what he
- 18 wanted you to do and not do at that time in the way you have
- 19 | just told us?
- 20 | A. I didn't approve of the way he regarded the tribal members,
- 21 | but it didn't necessarily alarm me.
- 22 | Q. Did you attend any of the tribal meetings during that
- 23 period of time, between 2003 and 2005?
- 24 A. On occasion.
- 25 | Q. What meetings did you attend?

- MTBE board meetings on occasion. I would prepare the 1 2 agendas for some of them.
- 3 Q. On any of those agenda, was there a mention of the payday 4 lending business?
- Not that I recall -- not that I recall of discussions then. 5
- 6 I am talking about the agendas that you prepared. Did you 7 prepare any agendas that referenced the payday lending
- business? 8
- 9 A. If it was discussed, I probably would have. I just don't 10 have a strong recollection of that. I'm sorry.
- 11 Q. What does that mean if it was discussed? Was the payday 12 lending business discussed during those tribal meetings between
- 2003 and 2005? 13

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- 14 A. Most of my recollection of the discussions that I 15 participated in were related to tribal gaming and the tribe's efforts to increase that. 16
 - Q. But you told us you prepared the agendas, is that correct? Is that correct?
- 19 I would have early, during the period of six months or so that I worked for Don then, almost 15 years ago.
- 21 Q. What do you mean by almost 15 years ago? Are you 22 suggesting you don't remember now what agendas you prepared and 23 what you put on the agendas for those meetings because it's 15 24 years ago?
- 25 From 2003 to 2004, yes, I will tell you that's probably the

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Q. Did you say that at all on direct examination, that you were having trouble remembering anything that went on with your relationship with Don Brady while you were working for the

Miami tribe between 2003 and 2005?

MR. RAVI: Objection.

THE COURT: Overruled.

- Q. Did you say that at all on direct examination, that you were having trouble recalling events between 2003 and 2005 relating to working at the Miami tribe and Don Brady?
- A. No, I don't believe I did say that. I don't think that I said anything that would have any importance related to that at that time.
- Q. You don't think that when you testified on direct examination, you said anything about the 2003 to 2005 period that related to any knowledge you gained about Don Brady and the payday lending business for the Miami tribe?

THE COURT: I will sustain the objection to that.

Ask a new question. Argumentative.

- Q. Do you recall testifying on direct examination about knowing about Tribal Financial Services while you were at the Miami tribe between 2003 and 2005?
- A. I don't recall when Tribal Financial Services was set up.

 I recall subsequently having some knowledge of that.

MR. GINSBERG: Your Honor, respectfully, if my

questions are not clear, I will rephrase them, but I believe I am asking clear questions and the answers are not responsive.

THE COURT: The question is, do you recall testifying on direct examination about knowing about Tribal Financial Services while you were at the Miami tribe between 2003 and 2005? That's the question. Do you recall testifying about that?

THE WITNESS: No, I don't recall testifying about that.

THE COURT: Next question.

BY MR. GINSBERG:

- Q. You did testify or you recall testifying that you were aware of a services agreement that was entered into between the tribe and National Money Service or Universal Management Service?
- 16 A. Yes. That's the document before us, that would have been the attachment to the document before us.
 - Q. That was something that you testified about that occurred between 2003 and 2005, is that correct?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. How did it come to be that you read that document and knew about that document when you were working there between 2003 and 2005?
 - A. When I was working as Don's assistant, I would have created a file for it.

- Well, if you would have created a file for it, you could 1
- have just created a file that said agreement between Miami 2
- 3 tribe, or whatever entity it was, and Universal Management,
- 4 taking the document and put it in the file, is that correct?
- 5 You could have done that, right?
- I beg your pardon? 6 Α.
- 7 THE COURT: You could have done that, is that correct?
- 8 Yes, that's correct.
- 9 But you told us, I believe, instead, that you actually
- 10 recalled reading that document and you knew what was in the
- 11 contents of that document, is that correct?
- 12 Α. Yes.
- 13 Was that part of your job function and title during that Ο.
- 14 time, to review the contracts that the tribe was entering into
- 15 in relation to the job you had, the job function or title you
- had working for Don Brady? 16
- 17 I believe -- I would say that that is how I handled my job.
- I don't know that there were specific instructions or 18
- prohibitions against it, but that's what I did. 19
- 20 If you read it, why would you have done it?
- 21 Why would you have read that document if you were not
- 22 one of the parties to it and one of the signatories to it and
- 23 not a member of the tribal board?
- 24 I read many documents that I was not a party to.
- 25 It was a company that Don Brady was involved with.

1 Q. Now, you were shown a document as well on direct

- 2 | examination, if you recall, where at the end of it it referred
- 3 to the Miami Tribe of Nebraska. Do you remember that?
- 4 | A. I do.
- 5 | Q. You were asked about that, correct?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 | Q. Did that appear to you to be simply a mistake that it said
- 8 | Miami Tribe of Nebraska?
- 9 | A. Yes.
- 10 Q. So that was just a mistake; there was nothing mysterious,
- 11 | illegal, improper, as far as you believed, about the fact that
- 12 | Nebraska appeared on that document, is that correct?
- MR. RAVI: Objection.
- 14 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 15 A. No, I think it was a typo.
- 16 | Q. The actual agreement that you saw eventually was entered
- 17 | into with the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, correct?
- 18 | A. Right.
- 19 | Q. And that was a service agreement, correct?
- 20 A. I believe it was an agreement. I just don't recall if it
- 21 | said service agreement right now.
- 22 | Q. Didn't that agreement describe all of the things that
- 23 Universal Management Services would do to assist the Miami
- 24 | Tribe of Oklahoma in a payday loan business?
- 25 A. That sounds right.

- 1 Q. Didn't it say that the payday loans were going to be made
- 2 by the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma?
- 3 A. I apologize. It's been five days since I have seen that.
- 4 | I would have to read it again.
- 5 | Q. I believe that's Government Exhibit 302.
- 6 A. I don't want to make a misstatement.
- 7 THE COURT: Ma'am, just sit back and relax. I think 8 they are going to get the document for you.
 - Q. Is the document up in front of you now?
- 10 | A. Yes.

- 11 Q. Is that the same document that we are talking about, the
- 12 | service agreement?
- 13 | A. Yes.
- 14 | Q. And that was the one that you, although you're not sure
- 15 why, you read and then you filed it?
- 16 | A. Yes.
- 17 | Q. And that's between the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma (MTBE) and
- 18 Universal Management Services, correct?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 | Q. And it's for the purpose of setting up a payday loan
- 21 | business, is that correct?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 | Q. On the first page, reading down, does it describe, when it
- 24 gets to the point where it has paragraphs that are numbered,
- 25 does it describe how that business will operate?

- 1 A. Yes, generally.
- 2 | Q. In describing how it would operate, is MTBE designated as
- 3 the lender of the funds in the payday lending business?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And UMS is described as furnishing all other kinds of
- 6 services and support, staffing, equipment, business
- 7 | arrangements to make that an efficient payday loan business, is
- 8 | that fair to say?
- 9 | A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And it further says at the bottom of the page, paragraph 4,
- 11 | that "MTBE shall furnish an office and one employee to act as
- 12 | administrator of the loan program, whose office shall be on
- 13 | Miami Indian country." Is that correct?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 | Q. Now, was it your belief in 2003 that Don Brady was that
- 16 employee acting as the administrator of the loan program?
- 17 | A. Yes.
- 18 | Q. And that was consistent with the service agreement, is that
- 19 | correct?
- 20 | A. Yes.
- 21 | Q. Now, you told us at various times that either you were not
- 22 | aware or you didn't believe there were any criteria for the
- 23 | loans being made. Am I stating that correctly?
- 24 A. I was not aware.
- 25 | Q. So if you were not aware in the 2003 and 2005 period, if

- there were criteria that had been established by the parties, 1
- that is, Universal Management Services and MTBE, you just 2
- 3 didn't know about them, is that correct?
- Yes, that could be correct. 4 Α.
- 5 Q. And one of the reasons you wouldn't know about that is
- 6 because it wasn't your job to know those things, is that
- 7 correct?
- A. Not until after 2011. 8
- 9 Q. We are talking about between 2003 and 2005. It was not
- 10 your job during that period of time to know about things such
- 11 as criteria that may have been established to make payday
- 12 loans, is that fair to say?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. You told us now that you are unaware of criteria if there
- 15 were any, fair to say? Is that fair to say?
- 16 Yes. Α.
- 17 Did you ever ask Don Brady if there were criteria that had
- 18 been set forth by the parties and discussed by the parties for
- 19 the purpose of determining making of the payday loans?
- 20 Not at that time. Α.
- 21 Meaning not during the 2003 and 2005 period, correct?
- 22 Α. Right.
- 23 Also, when you say "not at that time," is it fair to say
- 24 you're suggesting at a later time, when you came back to work
- 25 there later on, that you had other discussions or you had other

- knowledge about the criteria? 1
- 2 I knew that the boards never acted on any particular 3 criteria.
- 4 Q. Did you know when you came back to work for the Miami 5 tribe -- in 2011 was it?
- A. Yes. 6

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- 7 Q. -- that a company known as Selling Source had established through electronic means and devices a method by which 8 9 electronically it could be determined whether a person applying 10 for a loan was somebody who would fall into any particular 11 category? Were you aware of that at all?
 - I was aware that the loan company business did business with Selling Source, and I understood from Don Brady that Scott Tucker owned that.
 - Q. Were you aware that Selling Source had developed its own method of establishing criteria to make payday loans?
- 17 I didn't know what their technical expertise was. I didn't 18 know the specifics of it.
 - Q. Were you aware that Don Brady knew what that criteria was that had been established through the Selling Source's product?
 - No, I was not aware that Don Brady knew that.
- 22 Q. Were you aware that the product had developed a method by 23 which it could determine categories of individuals and 24 establish them as either green, red or yellow for purposes of
- 25 loans?

- No. For all the titles that I held --1 Α.
- 2 The question is, were you aware of that? Q.
- 3 Α. No.
- So if you're not aware of that, I assume you were not aware 4 Q.
- 5 of what the green, red or yellow would mean, in terms of
- whether or not to approve a loan, is that correct? 6
- 7 That's correct.
- 8 And you didn't know whether or not Don Brady had discussed
- 9 and met with Scott Tucker and other people at Universal
- 10 Management Services as to those criteria, is that correct?
- 11 That's correct.
- 12 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, as I told you at the
- 13 outset of this trial, a lawyer's questions are not evidence.
- 14 It's only the witness's answer that makes the question
- 15 evidence.
- 16 You may continue.
- 17 MR. GINSBERG: Thank you, your Honor.
- BY MR. GINSBERG: 18
- 19 Q. Would it be fair to say that there were a lot of things
- 20 about the payday lending business that you did not know about?
- 21 Α. Yes.
- 22 Q. You told us in addition that Don Brady, in the 2011-12
- period I believe, would either once, or maybe sometimes twice a 23
- 24 month go up to Kansas City to the offices where Scott Tucker
- 25 was, is that correct?

- 1 | A. Yes.
- 2 Q. And when he went up there, it was for the purpose of
- 3 meeting or talking to people like Scott Tucker or other people
- 4 associated with the payday lending service business, is that
- 5 | fair to say?
- 6 | A. Yes.
- 7 | Q. But you weren't present at the meetings up there when Don
- 8 Brady went, were you?
- 9 | A. No.
- 10 | Q. And you don't know what they discussed, do you?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 | Q. You don't know what was explained to Don Brady, do you?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 | Q. Now, I will come back to the earlier period, but I want to
- 15 | skip ahead to sort of the very end of your relationship with
- 16 | the Miami tribe, and that would have been in about 2013, is
- 17 | that correct?
- 18 A. That's correct.
- 19 | Q. When you were terminated from the Miami tribe, it wasn't by
- 20 Don Brady, correct?
- 21 A. Don had already been fired by then.
- 22 | Q. So it wasn't by Don Brady?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- 24 | Q. It was by someone else, correct?
- 25 A. Yes.

- Was there a specific person who signed the letter that they 1 2 gave to you to terminate your services?
- 3 I don't recall who signed the letter, but it was based on
- board action. 4
- 5 Which board would that be?
- I want to say it was the MNE Services board. 6 Α.
- 7 That's your best recollection, is that fair to say?
- 8 Α. Yes.
- 9 Do you remember at the time who was on the MNE Services
- 10 board?

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- 11 Α. Yes.
- 12 Ο. Who was?
- 13 Gena Lankford was the chairman, Donya Williams was Α. secretary-treasurer, and Scott Willard was the vice chair.
- 16 recordings that you made of the board meetings that were played

So some of the same people whose voices we heard on the

- 17 in court, correct?
- 18 Α. That's correct.
- 19 Some of those same people and maybe another individual were
- 20 part of terminating you or sent you the letter that terminated
- 21 your services, correct?
- 22 Α. Yes.
- 23 And before your services were terminated, you told us that
- 24 you impermissibly and illegally, basically stole documents from
- 25 the company, is that correct?

1 A. That's correct.

MR. RAVI: Objection to the characterization.

3 | THE COURT: Overruled.

- 4 | Q. And, in addition, you impermissibly and illegally, I don't
- 5 know, hacked in or got into somebody's computer without
- 6 permission, is that correct?
- 7 A. I read Joe Frazier's e-mail, yes.
 - Q. You did that by getting into the computer that you weren't supposed to have access to, is that correct?
- 10 | A. Yes.

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- 11 | Q. What other illegal actions did you take prior to your
- 12 | termination while you were working for the Miami tribe in 2012
- 13 or 2013?
- 14 A. Well, I told Gena Lankford that I had looked at Joe
- 15 | Frazier's e-mail, and I gave her a copy of the e-mail that I
- 16 | had printed on that, and she told me not to do it again, and I
- 17 | didn't do it again. But that's all. I think just those two
- 18 | things.
- 19 | Q. You also told us and we played some of these recordings
- 20 | that you made, is that correct?
- 21 A. That's correct.
- 22 | Q. Now, prior to the first recording you made of the board
- 23 meeting, you were already the recording secretary of that
- 24 | board, is that correct?
- 25 A. Yes.

- BY MR. GINSBERG:
- Q. For how long prior to the first recording you made were you the recording secretary at that board meeting?
 - A. I would say about five months, six months.
- Q. And during those five or six months, prior to your first
- 6 recording of that board meeting, approximately how many
- 7 | meetings had taken place, to the best of your recollection?
- 8 A. Each of the boards probably would have met maybe once a
- 9 month, up to that point, maybe more.
- 10 Q. I'm sorry. I'm sorry. Continue your answer. You said
- 11 once a month or maybe more?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 | Q. So about how many meetings during that five-month period
- 14 did you attend as the recording secretary before you began to
- 15 | tape record the meetings?
- 16 A. I'm going to say five to six of each board.
- 17 | Q. And how many in total would that be?
- 18 A. Of those two? It's going to be 10 to 12.
- 19 | Q. OK. And then it occurred to you that it would be a good
- 20 | idea to record the meetings because trying to type and listen
- 21 and take everything down, you might not be able to accurately
- 22 | capture everything that was said; is that fair to say?
- 23 | A. Yes.
- 24 THE WITNESS: Pardon me. Excuse me.
- THE COURT: Do you need some water there?

1 THE WITNESS: I have it, sir. Thank you.

THE COURT: All right.

BY MR. GINSBERG:

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- Q. When you began to record the meetings, you didn't use a tape recorder, is that correct?
- 6 A. No, we didn't have a tape recorder.
 - Q. What you did do is you had a cell phone, correct?
- 8 A. That's correct.
 - Q. And you used your cell phone basically as a recording device, is that correct?
- 11 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 12 Q. But you didn't tell anybody who was at the board meetings
- 13 | that you were recording the board meetings, did you?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 | Q. Why didn't you tell them?
- 16 A. I'm not sure. I'm not sure that it was significant at the
- 17 | time. The first time I recorded, the first meeting that I
- 18 recorded, I had been asked by Gina Lankford to find a recorder
- 19 | for it, and when I inquired whether we had one or not, of the
- 20 | receptionist, and we looked for one, there was not a tape
- 21 | recorder in there. And subsequently, when I went back in, I
- 22 | told her that, and then after the meeting started, I thought,
- 23 | Oh, I'll just use my phone, so I just used my phone.
- 24 | Q. And you also thought, Well, I just won't tell anybody that
- 25 | I'm recording it, correct?

- 1 A. I'm not sure I thought about it at that time.
- 2 | Q. But you didn't tell anyone, correct?
- 3 A. I believe I told our attorneys at a later time.
- 4 | Q. At a later time?
- 5 A. Right.
- 6 | Q. At a much later time?
- 7 A. Right.
- 8 | Q. Correct?
- 9 | A. Yes.
- 10 | Q. I didn't ask you about the attorneys, did I?
- 11 | A. No.
- 12 | Q. I asked you about the people who were present at the
- 13 meetings, is that correct?
- 14 A. That's correct.
- 15 | Q. And you didn't tell Don Brady you were recording him, is
- 16 | that correct?
- 17 A. No, I did not.
- 18 | Q. And the reason that you didn't tell anybody that you were
- 19 | recording them is because at some point in time, you had
- 20 decided that you were going to try to collect information so
- 21 | that you could become a whistleblower and try to make a whole
- 22 | bunch of money, is that correct?
- 23 | A. No.
- 24 | Q. Well, after you made the recordings, you tried to become a
- 25 whistleblower, correct?

- 1 A. Yes, sometime earlier. Yes.
- 2 Q. Well, when did you first contact the lawyer who handles
- 3 whistle-blowing cases?
- 4 A. That would be in the mid to late summer of 2012.
- 5 | Q. While you were still working at the Miami tribe, correct?
- 6 A. That's correct.
- 7 Q. Right at about the time you were recording the meetings and
- 8 Don Brady, correct?
- 9 A. No, not conversations, recorded conversations with Don
- 10 | Brady. Those particular recordings occurred before that.
- 11 | Q. In June, correct?
- 12 A. That's correct.
- 13 | Q. And you contacted the lawyer in July, correct?
- 14 A. I think don't that -- it may have been sometime around in
- 15 | there or after that.
- 16 | Q. But right at about the same time or shortly thereafter, you
- 17 went to a whistle-blowing lawyer, correct?
- 18 A. I did speak with one, yes.
- 19 Q. And the purpose of that was because you were hoping to be
- 20 | able to bring a lawsuit, or to have the government initiate an
- 21 | action and have a lawsuit brought, and you, as the
- 22 | whistleblower, would collect a percentage of money from
- 23 whatever the government was able to obtain. Is that fair to
- 24 say?
- 25 A. Yes.

- And about how much money did you expect or hope to receive 1 as a result of being a whistleblower? 2
 - I don't know. Α.

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- Without telling us any discussions you had with your Q. attorney that you went to, you have no idea of what amount of money was involved, could be involved in a lawsuit and what amount you could recover? You have no idea whatsoever?
 - I thought it would be significant.
 - Q. And is significant more or less than \$10 million?
- Are you talking about what I expected to receive?
- 11 You just used the word "significant." I'm asking you if 12 significant to you means more or less than \$10 million.
 - THE COURT: No, no. The witness asked a fair question. Perhaps she didn't understand your question.
- 15 MR. GINSBERG: I'm sorry.
- THE COURT: Are you asking about what she expected to 17 receive?
- BY MR. GINSBERG: 18
- In terms of what you expected to receive, you said you 19 20 expected to receive something significant, correct?
- 21 Α. That's correct.
- 22 Q. And what I'm trying to ask, and maybe inartfully, is what 23 significant means to you in terms of millions of dollars.
- Well, you don't have to hit a million dollars to be 24 25 significant at my household.

1 MR. GINSBERG: I know I'm not allowed to respond,
2 Judge, but --

Q. That's not the question I asked, was it? Was that the question that I asked?

MR. RAVI: Objection.

THE COURT: Sustained, sustained.

Q. I'm not talking about your household.

THE COURT: Excuse me, excuse me.

Do you understand the question? Did you have an expectation as to, you said something about you expected that the amount you personally would get would be significant.

THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: Did you at any time have an expectation or an idea of what that amount could be?

THE WITNESS: Not really.

THE COURT: OK. Next question.

THE WITNESS: Not in terms of dollars.

BY MR. GINSBERG:

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- Q. Did you meet with a lawyer on multiple occasions concerning this potential whistleblower action?
- A. In conjunction with the whistle, with my initial work, meeting with the lawyer, I met with them, I believe, one time.
- 23 After, after the law enforcement agencies became involved, he attended some meetings with me.
 - Q. Well, I'm asking you how many times you met with the lawyer

- who you went to regarding bringing a whistleblower action. How many times all together did you meet with that person?
- 3 A. In 2012, I met with him one time.
- 4 Q. And subsequent to that, 2012, how many times did you meet
- 5 | with him?
- A. In 2013, after I was contacted by the IRS, I met with him again.
- 8 Q. Now, after you went to him, you had already formed the idea
- 9 | that you wanted to pursue a whistleblower action, is that
- 10 | correct?
- 11 A. I did at that time, yes.
- 12 | Q. But you didn't leave your work at the Miami tribe, did you?
- 13 A. No. I was looking for other jobs.
- 14 | Q. You didn't leave your job the first time, did you?
- 15 A. No, I did not.
- 16 | Q. And you remained there until you were terminated, correct?
- 17 | A. Yes.
- 18 | Q. So how long was it from the time you met with the lawyer
- 19 | involving the whistleblower action until the time that you were
- 20 | terminated?
- 21 A. I'm going to say eight months or so.
- 22 | Q. And did you stay working at the Miami tribe for the sole
- 23 purpose of trying to gather additional information for your
- 24 | whistleblower lawsuit?
- 25 A. No.

- 1 Q. Well, you told us certainly by the time you met with the
- 2 | lawyer, and maybe before then, you believed that you were
- 3 working in a business that was a sham business, was operating
- 4 | illegally; you were terrified and you wanted nothing to do with
- 5 | it, correct?
- 6 A. That's correct.
- 7 Q. But you stayed for eight or nine more months, until you
- 8 were terminated, correct?
- 9 A. There was an effort by the boards to rectify some of the
- 10 | issues. They were not successful, but they were at least
- 11 | trying to, and although I continued to look for other jobs, I
- 12 | did not find another job during that time period, and I have to
- 13 work.
- 14 | Q. So you stayed?
- 15 A. That's correct.
- 16 | Q. You didn't quit?
- 17 | A. That's correct.
- 18 | Q. Because you needed to get paid, correct, to take care of
- 19 | your family?
- 20 A. That's correct.
- 21 | Q. Is that correct?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 | Q. Even though you believed you were involved with something
- 24 | that you have told us was illegal, correct?
- 25 A. Yes, that's true.

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- Q. During the 2003 and 2005 period, did the lawyer -- did the tribe, to your knowledge, have lawyers?
- 3 MR. RAVI: Objection.
- 4 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 5 A. Yes, they did.
- Q. And do you know who the lawyers for the tribe were in the 2003 to 2005 period?
 - A. Robin Lash and Ken Bellmard.
 - Q. And to your knowledge, did either or both of those individuals review the letter of intent that was sent to the tribe and/or the service agreement?
- 12 MR. RAVI: Objection, your Honor.
- 13 | THE COURT: I'll allow the question.
- 14 Do you know?
- 15 A. I don't know.
- Q. Did Don Brady, to your knowledge, have any interaction with the lawyers for the tribe?
- 18 | A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And because you told us you sat outside of his office and
- 20 you overheard his conversations and you saw who went in and
- 21 | out, were you ever aware of the nature of conversations he was
- 22 | having with the lawyers?
- 23 A. During my employment from 2003 to 2005?
- 24 Q. Yes.
- 25 A. No.

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- 1 | Q. Did you have any interaction with Ken Bellmard?
- 2 | A. I did.
- 3 | Q. Was it in relation to any of the businesses that the Miami
- 4 | tribe was involved in?
- 5 A. Mostly it was in relationship to casino gaming.
- 6 Q. Was it in relation to other things too, because you just
- 7 | said mostly? So it was mostly that, but was it also in
- 8 | relation to some of the other things?
- 9 A. Yes, the land claim.
- 10 | Q. And did at any time you have any conversations with Ken
- 11 | Bellmard regarding his involvement on behalf of the tribe and
- 12 | the payday lending business?
- 13 A. Not in that time period.
- 14 | Q. Do you recall seeing some government exhibits played about
- an hour, hour and a half, put up on the screen about an hour,
- 16 hour and a half ago that had reference to Ken Bellmard or his
- 17 | name was on it?
- 18 | A. Yes.
- 19 | Q. Did those have emails have to do with the payday lending
- 20 | business?
- 21 | A. Yes.
- 22 | Q. And had you been shown those emails by the government in
- 23 preparation for your testifying in this case?
- 24 | A. I'm sorry?
- 25 | Q. Had you been shown those same emails that you saw here in

- court today where Ken Bellmard's name appears previously by the government in preparation for your testimony in this case?
- A. I don't remember seeing his name on an email that they showed me previously.
- Q. So is it your testimony that today, when the government put
 up the exhibit that had Ken Bellmard's name on it in relation
 to payday lending, that was the first time that you saw that
 - A. No. What I'm saying is I don't recall, I don't recall seeing -- noticing Ken Bellmard's name on the document before.
 - Q. Didn't the government go over with you, in preparation for your testifying in this case, all the exhibits that they were going to present to ask you to testify about when you were on the witness stand?
- 15 A. Yes. Briefly.

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- Q. And wasn't one of those documents, at least one of them
 with Ken Bellmard's name on it?
- 18 | A. Yes.
- 19 Q. So you did see it previously, correct?
- A. I noticed it this morning. I don't recall noticing it,

 Ken's name on there before, that I remember.
- Q. Are you telling us that you may have seen a document
 previously presented to you by the government in preparation
 for testifying, but you don't recall if you saw Ken Bellmard's
 name on any of the documents that were presented to you?

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MR. RAVI: Objection.

Q. Is that your testimony, yes or no?

THE COURT: Sustained. Asked and answered.

Ladies and gentlemen, let's take another ten-minute break. Please keep an open mind and do not discuss the case among yourselves or with anyone. See you in ten minutes.

(Jury not present)

THE COURT: See you in ten minutes.

(Recess)

THE COURT: All right. Bring our jury in, please.

(Jury present)

THE COURT: Please be seated.

Mr. Ginsberg, you may continue.

MR. GINSBERG: Thank you, your Honor.

- Q. When we left off, I think you were talking about Ken
- 16 | Bellmard. Do you recall that?
- 17 | A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And I think you said that during the 2003 to 2005 period,
- 19 there was another lawyer who worked with the tribe. Is that
- 20 | correct?
- 21 A. Robin Lash.
- 22 | Q. And is Robin a man or woman?
- 23 | A. Woman.
- Q. Ms. Lash, was she a member permanently hired by the tribe,
- 25 or did she work for a firm and work when they needed her?

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1 MR. RAVI: Objection, your Honor.

THE COURT: Overruled.

- She was a full-time tribal employee. Α.
 - And did you have any contact with her? Q.
- Yes, on a variety of different things.
 - And were you aware one way or the other whether she 0. reviewed any of the documents related to payday lending?

MR. RAVI: Objection. Relevance.

THE COURT: Sustained.

- You said you worked with her on a number of things, correct?
- 12 Α. Yes.
 - Q. What were the things that you worked with her on?

MR. RAVI: Objection. Relevance.

THE COURT: I'll allow it. 15

- I worked with her on casino gaming, on the -- there was a 16 17 federal government filing that would have -- if it was successful, would have granted the tribe special preference in 18
- bidding for government contracts, and also on the land claim in 19
- 20 Chicago -- excuse me, in Illinois and Indiana.
- 21 Q. Do you know if she, without going into any substance,
- 22 worked directly on any matters with Don Brady?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. And were you present all the times that they spoke about
- 25 matters?

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A. No.

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Q. And do you know how frequently they spoke about matters?

MR. RAVI: Objection, your Honor. May we approach?

THE COURT: No.

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A. I don't know.

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Q. The question is were you present?

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A. Oh, I'm sorry.

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Q. Were you present when she and Don Brady spoke about legal matters?

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THE COURT: Wait a minute.

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MR. GINSBERG: If we could go back, I don't know if I stated exactly --

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THE COURT: No, that's not the question.

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MR. GINSBERG: I don't remember exactly what the

THE COURT: The question was, Were you present all the

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asked, and the witness answered that question. The answer was

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MR. GINSBERG: Oh, OK.

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THE COURT: Next question.

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MR. GINSBERG: I didn't hear the answer because there

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was an interruption.

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THE COURT: No, there was another question after that,

and then it was on the next question that there was an objection.

- 3 MR. GINSBERG: I'm sorry. I just didn't hear it, your 4 Honor.
 - Q. During the 2003 to 2005 period, other than those two lawyers --
- 7 THE COURT: What lawyers?
- 8 BY MR. GINSBERG:
- 9 Q. The two lawyers that you've mentioned, Mr. Bellmard, right?
- 10 | A. Yes.

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- 11 Q. Ken Bellmard and Ms. --
- 12 | A. Lash.
- Q. -- Lash, were there any other lawyers to your knowledge that were working with Don Brady on tribal matters?
- MR. RAVI: Objection. Relevance.
- 16 THE COURT: Sustained.
- Q. Are you aware one way or the other if Don Brady reviewed the letter of intent that was sent to the tribe that we looked at earlier today? The letter of intent to get involved in the payday lending business, are you aware if Don Brady read that
- 21 letter?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. And are you aware Don Brady read the service agreement that
- 24 was entered into by the tribe with Universal Management
- 25 | Services?

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- A. I believe that he did.
- Q. Are you aware if he consulted with anyone prior to entering
- 3 | into the service agreement?
- 4 A. I don't know.
- 5 Q. When you returned back to work for the Miami tribe in 2011
- 6 and you were there, let's say, until the 2012 period when Don
- 7 Brady was fired, were there lawyers working with the tribe
- 8 | during that period of time?
- 9 MR. RAVI: Objection, your Honor. Relevance.
- 10 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 11 | Q. Well, were you aware of Don Brady having any -- withdrawn.
- 12 Did Don Brady consult, to your knowledge, with anyone
- 13 regarding any of the payday lending business ventures while you
- 14 were there between 2011 until the time he was terminated?
- 15 | A. Yes.
- 16 | Q. And do you know, other than Scott Tucker, Blaine Tucker,
- 17 | Tim Muir, who else he consulted with?
- 18 MR. RAVI: Objection. Relevance, your Honor.
- 19 THE COURT: I'll allow it.
- 20 | A. He consulted with attorneys and the Fredericks Peebles &
- 21 | Morgan law firm, Conly Schulte, Shilee. He secured counsel,
- 22 | personal counsel for himself, because of the IRS audit, and
- 23 | I -- and then, of course, the -- forgot their names -- Chicago
- 24 lawyers.
- 25 Q. You mean Kirkland?

- 1 | A. Yes.
- 2 | Q. Kirkland & Ellis?
- 3 A. Kirkland & Ellis, yes. Thank you.
- 4 | Q. Did Kirkland & Ellis come in before or after Don Brady was
- 5 | terminated?
- 6 A. Before.
- 7 Q. So was there an overlap period when Kirkland & Ellis was
- 8 | there, Brady was there, and then Don Brady left?
- 9 | A. Yes.
- 10 | Q. You were shown by the government a series of declarations
- 11 | made by Don Brady. Do you recall that?
- 12 | A. I do.
- 13 | Q. And at the time those declarations were prepared, did you
- 14 | have familiarity with the declarations, at that time?
- 15 A. No, not all of them.
- 16 | Q. Did Don Brady discuss the declarations or the contents of
- 17 | the declarations with you at the time they were prepared or
- 18 | signed?
- 19 | A. Declarations that were entered into in 2012 we would have
- 20 discussed.
- 21 | Q. Did, to your knowledge, did he also have discussions with
- 22 attorneys regarding those declarations?
- 23 MR. RAVI: Objection, your Honor. Relevance. Motions
- 24 | in limine, your Honor.
- THE COURT: One second, please.

1 MR. RAVI: Yes. Sure, your Honor.

THE COURT: If you know. Do you know?

3 THE WITNESS: Yes.

- 4 BY MR. GINSBERG:
- $5 \parallel Q$. Yes, he did?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 | Q. OK. Thank you. And do you know who those lawyers were,
- 8 who the lawyers were that he consulted with in reference to the
- 9 declarations?
- 10 A. I know he consulted with Conly Schulte.
- 11 | Q. Anybody else?
- 12 A. I can't say specifically, no.
- 13 | Q. Do you recall when the documents, when the declaration
- 14 | front pages were put up on the screen before you, did you see
- 15 the names of a number of different attorneys?
- 16 | A. Yes.
- 17 | Q. On the top of the document?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 | Q. Did you recognize -- and you said you recognized at least
- 20 | two of those people?
- 21 | A. Yes.
- 22 | Q. And who were they again, those two?
- 23 A. Conly Schulte and Shilee Mullin.
- 24 | Q. And I believe on at least one, there was a third name; you
- 25 | just didn't recognize that name, is that fair to say?

- A. I would have to look at it again, but I principally -- I would have to look at it again.
- Q. I don't want to make you go through it again, but those are the two that you recall, is that correct?
- 5 | A. Yes, that's correct.
- 6 Q. OK. Now, let's go back to the tape recordings, if we may.
- 7 | Specifically, I want to ask you about the two recordings, two
- 8 | recordings that you made of Don Brady. That would be in June
- 9 of 2012, correct?
- 10 | A. Yes.
- 11 | Q. And those recordings were played for the jury, correct, and
- 12 | transcripts were put up on the screen? Is that correct?
- 13 A. Portions of them.
- 14 | Q. Portions of them?
- 15 | A. Yes.
- 16 Q. So the portion -- withdrawn.
- MR. GINSBERG: I'm sorry, your Honor.
- 18 | Q. The recordings themselves were longer than the portions
- 19 | that were actually played in court, is that fair to say?
- 20 | A. Yes.
- 21 | Q. And do you recall how much longer, how much more in time,
- 22 how much longer in time there was on the recordings when you
- 23 originally recorded the two conversations with Don Brady?
- 24 A. I think the first recording was most, almost, was complete
- 25 or almost complete. The second and third I can't tell you how

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1 long they were. There may be notations on the transcription.

- 2 | Q. But in any event, it would be fair to say the full
- 3 recording wasn't played today, correct?
- 4 | A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Now, when you made those recordings, did you eventually
- 6 turn those recordings over to someone else?
- 7 | A. I did.
- 8 Q. And who did you turn them over to?
- 9 A. I did to my attorney and then to Brad Weidenhammer of
- 10 Kirkland & Ellis.
- 11 | Q. And when you say my attorney --
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 | Q. -- who would that be, Brad Weidenhammer?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 | Q. Or somebody different?
- 16 A. Scott Knott.
- 17 Q. Scott Knott?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 | Q. Was he the attorney you went to regarding the whistleblower
- 20 | action?
- 21 | A. He was.
- 22 | Q. Who did you give the tapes to first?
- 23 A. To Scott Knott.
- 24 | Q. And at some point did he return them to you?
- 25 A. Yes. I gave him my phone and he returned my phone.

- Q. So when you got your phone back, did it have the recordings on them?
- 3 A. It did, and I gave my phone to Brad Weidenhammer.
- 4 | Q. And did you get your phone back from him as well?
- 5 A. I did not.
- 6 Q. Did not?
- 7 | A. Uh-huh.
- 8 Q. After you gave the phone to the two lawyers, did you have
- 9 anything to do with preparing transcripts of the recordings
- 10 | that were on your phone?
- 11 A. In preparing the transcripts, no, only to review them as
- 12 | they were, after they'd been transcribed.
- 13 | Q. And do you know who prepared the transcripts?
- 14 | A. I do not.
- 15 | Q. Did you become aware that the tapes and/or transcripts were
- 16 | eventually turned over to the United States Attorney's Office?
- 17 | A. I did.
- 18 | Q. And when did you become aware of that?
- 19 A. I'm not sure.
- 20 | Q. At any time after you became aware of that, did you listen
- 21 | to the full recordings -- the full recordings -- again?
- 22 | A. Did I listen to the full recordings -- after what event?
- 23 | Q. After they were turned over eventually to the United States
- 24 Attorney's Office, did you have an opportunity to listen to the
- 25 complete original recordings?

- I don't recall if they were the full recordings. 1 larger segments than what was entered into as an exhibit today, 2 3 but I don't recall whether they were full or not.
 - Do you recall listening to the recordings and hearing that Q. in various places on the tape, white noise had been inserted over what had previously been voices?
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- Do you know how that occurred? Q.
- I believe that it, the, the tribe's attorneys may have done that because of privilege.
- 0. Did they tell you that?
- 12 Α. No.

THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, in pretrial matters, this issue has arisen, and I have ruled, that the tapes are properly admissible and that there was nothing about the exclusion of certain materials by attorneys reviewing the tapes that was improper or would cause the tapes to be inadmissible. The weight, however, if any, to be given to the tapes is entirely a matter for you, the jury, to decide.

Go ahead.

MR. GINSBERG: Yes, your Honor. Thank you.

- Q. Now, in 408, and 408T was the transcript, and if you need to put it up, I'll ask that it be put up, but would it be fair to say that --
- MR. GINSBERG: Could we go to page 1 on this?

- 1 Q. -- there's a discussion between yourself and Mr. Brady?
- 2 | Correct?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And part of that discussion has to do with the portfolios,
- 5 correct?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And the amount of money that may be in the portfolios,
- 8 correct?
- 9 A. Yes, and the ownership of the portfolios.
- 10 Q. And the ownership of the portfolios, correct?
- 11 | A. Yes.
- 12 | Q. Now, using the term "portfolios" does not necessarily mean
- 13 | the portfolio where the money was being lent in, does it?
- 14 A. My understanding of this was we were discussing the
- 15 | portfolios of the loan company, specifically the ones that were
- 16 managed by the Miami tribe or that were ostensibly owned by the
- 17 Miami tribe.
- 18 Q. There were many portfolios, is that fair to say?
- 19 A. There were seven, to my knowledge, at that time. Five were
- 20 attributed to the Miami tribe.
- 21 Q. OK. And in those portfolios, there was a substantial
- 22 amount of money, is that correct?
- 23 A. Yes, that's what I understand.
- 24 | Q. And reflecting back on the service agreement that we've
- 25 | talked about, the understanding was that the tribe was entitled

to \$20,000 a month up to 1 percent of the gross revenues of the 1 2 payday lending business, is that correct?

- In the initial agreement.
- Did that number increase at some point, or change? 4 Q.
- 5 Well, the VA licensing agreement had a different proposal in it. 6
 - But that was the agreement initially, correct?
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- And some of that money -- that is, the \$20,000 a month up to the 1 percent of the gross profits -- was money that was in one of those portfolios that you and Don Brady were talking about, is that correct?
- 13 Could you repeat that question for me, please?
- Q. Some of the money -- that is, the \$20,000 a month up to 1 percent of the gross revenues -- was in at least one of the portfolios that you and Don Brady were talking about, is that 17 correct?
 - THE COURT: Do you understand the question?
- 19 THE WITNESS: No, I don't. I'm sorry.
- 20 THE COURT: All right. Rephrase your question.
- 21 BY MR. GINSBERG:
 - To your knowledge, each portfolio represented moneys that were derived for -- withdrawn.
 - Did you understand what was in each one of the portfolios in terms of not just a dollar amount, but the source

- 1 of the money?
- 2 A. The source of the money in the portfolios would have been
- 3 moneys that had paid, been paid on loans.
- 4 | Q. OK. So there was a total amount that had been paid on
- 5 | loans that was sitting in the portfolios, correct?
- 6 A. I believe that's correct, yes.
- 7 | Q. You believe that's --
- 8 A. I believe that's correct.
- 9 Q. OK. And there was in place at the time the moneys were
- 10 sitting in the portfolios, particularly in June of 2012 when
- 11 | you were having this conversation with Mr. Brady, Whose money
- 12 was this that was in the portfolios, correct? That was the
- 13 | issue, is that correct?
- 14 A. Yes. Don said it was all Scott Tucker's.
- 15 \parallel Q. Well, where was the money, where was the money that the
- 16 | tribe had earned as the lender, the 20,000 a month up to 1
- 17 percent gross revenue?
- 18 A. They would receive monthly checks.
- 19 | Q. And where would that go?
- 20 | A. It would go to Miami Nation Enterprises.
- 21 | Q. And what account would that go into?
- 22 A. A Miami Nation Enterprises account.
- 23 | Q. Were any of these portfolios that you were talking about in
- 24 | this conversation one of those accounts?
- 25 A. Yes.

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- 1 Q. OK. So among other things that you're discussing with
- 2 Mr. Brady here, at least one of the portfolios -- it's being
- 3 referred to as portfolios, correct?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. But they're actually accounts; just a different word is
- 6 being used, is that fair to say?
- 7 A. I don't know.
- 8 | Q. Well, you said that the money that the tribe had earned was
- 9 | in an account in the name of the tribe and it was one of the
- 10 portfolios that's being discussed with Mr. Brady, correct?
- 11 A. Oh, I'm sorry. I misunderstood your question. The money
- 12 | that the tribe received for the 1 percent --
- 13 Q. Yes.
- 14 A. -- would have been deposited in accounts under Miami Nation
- 15 Enterprises.
- 16 | O. OK.
- 17 THE COURT: Go ahead. Are you finished with your
- 18 | answer?
- 19 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- 20 | THE COURT: Thank you. Next question.
- 21 BY MR. GINSBERG:
- 22 | Q. Do you know, when you were talking about the portfolios in
- 23 | this conversation, 408, do you know which portfolios, what
- 24 | names of those portfolios were the portfolios you were talking
- 25 | about?

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A. No. I think, I think there's a misunderstanding about what this conversation is about.

Q. Well, I'm just asking. I'm allowed to ask questions. I'll ask another question.

Universal Management Services and/or whoever was servicing the loans was entitled by virtue of the agreement with the Miami tribe to the vast majority of the revenues from the lending business, is that fair to say?

- A. UMS was no longer in place at that time.
- Q. Whoever the servicer was at the time when you're talking to Don Brady about the portfolios was entitled to a vast majority of the money that was earned as a result of the loans, is that fair to say?
- A. I'm not sure that's an accurate characterization, and it's not it's not accurate of what our conversation was about.
- Q. The money that's in these accounts, I believe you said, was money that came as a result of loans and then money being paid back on the loans and interest on the loans. Is that correct?
- A. Yes, I believe so.

- Q. And according to the service agreement, the servicer was providing all these various services and was entitled to the vast majority of the money that was being made -- profit -- from the lending business, is that correct?
- 24 A. According to that service agreement, yes.
 - Q. Well, do you think that the servicer was not entitled to

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- 1 | the vast majority of the money, based on the agreement?
- A. Based on the agreement, they were, but that's not the basis of the -- that's not the issue here.
 - Q. I'm asking you a question.
 - A. Based on that agreement, that's -- that would be correct.
 - Q. And the money that was sitting in those accounts was money generated from the loan business that the servicer was entitled to but hadn't yet been taken out of those accounts by the servicer, is that correct?
 - A. The tribe had made declarations saying that it owned 100 percent of the profits of the company.

MR. GINSBERG: Your Honor, your Honor --

THE COURT: Don't talk over the witness.

MR. GINSBERG: But she's not responsive. I don't know how to do this.

THE COURT: Except if I could listen to the answer, I could tell whether it's responsive.

MR. GINSBERG: I'm sorry. I apologize.

THE COURT: Go ahead. "Do you know when you were talking about the portfolios in this conversation, do you know which portfolios, what names of those portfolios were the portfolios you were talking about?"

That was not the last question.

MR. GINSBERG: No.

THE COURT: The last question was, "And the money that

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was sitting in those accounts was money generated from the loan business that the servicer was entitled to but hadn't yet been taken out of those accounts by the servicer, is that correct?"

Do you understand the question?

THE WITNESS: I do understand the question, your $\mbox{\sc Honor.}$

THE COURT: And can you answer it?

THE WITNESS: According to the initial agreement, that would have been correct. However, the boards were advised that they had substantial ownership or should have substantial ownership of those moneys, and Don Brady rejected that notion in his conversation with me and said that that was not correct, that the tribe owned nothing.

BY MR. GINSBERG:

- Q. He also told you that, or you also testified -- withdrawn.
- There was a discussion about \$15 million at some point, is that correct?
- A. That's correct.
 - Q. Had the tribe already received that \$15 million during this time period?
- 21 A. I don't know what the total was that they received.

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- 1 Do you remember that number 15 million?
- 2 Α. I do.
- 3 Do you know where that number came from?
- I don't know what all of the components were. I knew a 4 Α.
- 5 portion of it was -- would have been the 1 percent that they
- would have received. There were two subsequent payments that 6
- 7 would have been received that would total \$5.5 million, and
- those represented a dollar per loan, and that was during the 8
- 9 period of 2012. I don't know that all of those numbers added
- 10 up to \$15 million.
- 11 It was a substantial figure, somewhere in the many millions
- 12 of dollars, is that correct?
- 13 THE COURT: What was a substantial figure?
- 14 Q. You said you don't know what the total was. But whatever
- that total was, it was a substantial number in terms of 15
- millions of dollars, correct? 16
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. If it wasn't 15, it was somewhere in that vicinity, is that
- 19 fair to say?
- 20 A. I don't know what the total was for 2012 revenues, but it's
- 21 going to be in the millions of dollars.
- 22 Q. That's money that the tribe received as a result of their
- 23 participation in the payday lending business, is that correct?
- 24 Α. Yes.
- 25 And in addition, there was a discussion about another 3 or

- 1 \$3.3 million that the tribe was going to get, is that correct?
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- Q. And that was another future payment? Was that a future payment to be made to the tribe?
- A. I am not sure whether they had received the initial payment on that at that point in time. There were going to be two payments made totaling 5.5 million.
 - Q. The rest of the money, besides the money we just talked about, which was money that the tribe either had received or was promised to receive, the rest of the money in those portfolios was money that the servicer had earned as a result of the servicing agreement, is that correct?
 - MR. RAVI: Objection as to the term servicer. I don't remember previous testimony about that.
 - THE COURT: Lay a foundation.
- Q. There was a service agreement, correct, between a servicer -- a company and the tribes, correct?
- A. The original service agreement was between the tribe and
 UMS. AMG was the servicer during the latter period when I was
 there.
 - Q. Was there a business in Kansas City that was not owned by the tribe that was providing services to assist the payday lending business of the Miami tribe?
- A. Well, the license agreement was premised on the assertion that the tribe did not own the eCash system.

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THE COURT: You could have some latitude, but this is an area where it seems to me some explanation is necessary for an understanding. So I am not going to strike the answer.

Put another question.

MR. GINSBERG: OK.

- Q. One of the things you were discussing with Don Brady in the recorded conversations was your concerns about tax implications, correct?
- A. Yes.
- 10 | Q. And money laundering, correct?
- 11 A. In one of the recordings, yes.
 - Q. And that was because there was money sitting in those accounts and it was your belief that that money did not belong to the tribes and was sitting there and sort of being hidden from taxing authorities or governmental authorities, is that fair to say?
 - A. Yes, that's what Don Brady told me.
 - Q. But that money had actually been earned by a company that had provided services to the tribe, it just hadn't yet been taken out of those accounts, is that correct, if you know?
 - A. I don't know.
- MR. GINSBERG: Can I have one moment, your Honor?

 THE COURT: Sure.
 - Q. During these conversations with Don Brady, that is the tapes with the transcripts, you are saying, basically, you were

1 | very concerned, very worried, you express all of that to Don

- 2 | Brady, is that correct?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And he is responding by saying, he's not worried; if there
- 5 | is any tax consequences or liability, it's not mine, it's not
- 6 | the tribe's, it's Scott Tucker's, correct?
- 7 A. That's what he said, yes.
- 8 MR. GINSBERG: I have nothing further.
- 9 THE COURT: Mr. Bath.
- 10 MR. BATH: Thank you, Judge.
- 11 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 12 BY MR. BATH:
- 13 | Q. Ms. Williams, I want to take you back to your first few
- 14 | years at the tribe and make sure I understand sort of the -- I
- 15 \parallel am going to call it the corporate structure of the tribe. OK?
- 16 A. All right.
- 17 | Q. So at the top, we have the Miami tribe, is that correct?
- 18 A. At the top?
- 19 Q. At the top of what we are going to call like a scaffold.
- 20 We have the Miami tribe at the top. And then the Miami tribe
- 21 | passed ordinances and had different businesses below that Miami
- 22 | tribe, is that correct?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- 24 | Q. One of them was Miami Nation Enterprises, is that correct?
- 25 A. Subsequently, yes.

- 1 | Q. Before that it was MTBE?
- 2 A. That's correct.
- 3 Q. So the Miami tribe forms MTBE, which is below it on the
- 4 scaffold, correct?
- 5 | A. Yes.
- 6 | Q. Then later does MTBE become MNE?
- 7 A. MNE was the successor to MTBE.
- 8 Q. MNE sort of absorbs MTBE, correct?
- 9 A. Assumes many of the same functions, yes.
- 10 | Q. Then under Miami Nation Enterprises, we have other things
- 11 | below on the scaffolding, don't we?
- 12 | A. Yes.
- 13 Q. On one side -- tell me if I am wrong -- we have TFS,
- 14 | correct?
- 15 | A. I don't think TFS was ever under MNE.
- 16 Q. Where do you think TFS was?
- 17 A. I think it may have been under the tribal council.
- 18 Q. Were there other businesses under the tribe, under MNE,
- 19 | which would have been like the print shop?
- 20 | A. Yes.
- 21 | Q. And the learning center?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 | Q. And down on the scaffolding the gift shop?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Then the casino?

- 1 | A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Then EnviroTech?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 | Q. Then the cineplex?
- 5 | A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Then the pecan farm?
- 7 | A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Then you said White Loon?
- 9 A. White Loon Construction.
- 10 | Q. And when you came aboard in '03, Don Brady was in charge of
- 11 | MNE, is that correct?
- 12 A. He was in charge of MTBE, Miami Tribe Business Enterprises.
- 13 | O. Which later became MNE?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Were you there when it became MNE?
- 16 A. I was not working for Don at that time.
- 17 | Q. When you were there early time, it's MTBE?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. But the print shop and the other businesses are below that?
- 20 | A. Some of those, not all of those were in existence at that
- 21 \parallel time.
- 22 Q. The ones that were are below MTBE?
- 23 | A. Yes.
- Q. And Don, what was his title then, '03-'05?
- 25 A. He was CEO.

- 1 Q. He was CEO of MTBE?
- 2 | A. Yes.
- 3 | Q. And then he was the ultimate person in charge of those
- 4 | businesses below that?
- 5 | A. Yes.
- 6 Q. MTBE later becomes MNE, correct?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And Don is still in charge of all of the businesses we
- 9 | talked about?
- 10 A. To my knowledge, yes.
- 11 | Q. When you came back, the name had changed, but Don's
- 12 position over the print shop or whatever businesses existed at
- 13 | the time was the same?
- 14 A. Some of those businesses were not in existence when I came
- 15 | back.
- 16 | Q. Don was in charge of the businesses that existed?
- 17 | A. Yes.
- 18 | Q. He wasn't in charge of businesses that didn't exist?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. Miami tribe is at the top of the scaffolding, and we
- 21 | already talked about MTBE and later MNE.
- 22 At some point, AMG was formed, is that correct?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- Q. Would that be at the same level on the scaffolding as MNE,
- 25 ∥ if you know?

- They are conflicting organizational charts on that. 1 Α.
- Tell us what your understanding was. 2 Q.
- 3 My understanding is that AMG fell directly beneath the
- 4 Miami tribal council.
- 5 Does that mean it was below MNE or not?
- It would have been a lateral role to MNE. 6 No. Α.
- 7 So AMG and MNE are on the scaffold equal, but below the
- Miami tribe? 8
- 9 Yes. Α.
- 10 Then at some point in time, MNE Services was formed?
- 11 Α. That's correct.
- 12 Was that about the same time as AMG?
- 13 Α. Yes, I believe so.
- 14 Under MNE Services, is it also on the same scaffold with
- MNE and AMG? 15
- MNE Services fell beneath MNE. MNE was considered its 16
- 17 parent.
- So it fell below MNE? 18
- 19 That's correct. Α.
- 20 The portfolios, where did they fall on the scaffolding, if
- 21 you know?
- 22 A. MNE Services was the money side, allegedly. And AMG was
- 23 the servicing side, with the equipment and the personnel and
- 24 the vendors, infrastructural-type contracts. I believe that
- 25 the portfolios should have fallen under MNE Services.

- 1 | Q. But you're not sure?
- 2 A. I'm not sure.
- 3 Q. Because you probably weren't necessarily there when the
- 4 | boards met and resolutions got passed, etc., is that fair to
- 5 say?
- 6 A. No, I was not there.
- 7 | Q. Because AMG got formed in '08, correct?
- 8 A. That's correct.
- 9 0. You were not there then?
- 10 A. That's correct.
- 11 | Q. You have told us about the second time, the '11 through '13
- 12 period you were there, you were the recording secretary?
- 13 | A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Does that mean you went to most, if not all the board
- 15 | meetings?
- 16 | A. Yes.
- 17 | Q. The board meetings we are talking about is AMG?
- 18 | A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And MNE?
- 20 A. MNE Services. Later on I started recording for MNE.
- 21 | Q. So first it was AMG and MNES?
- 22 | A. That's correct.
- 23 | Q. And then later on you did some board minutes for MNE?
- 24 | A. Yes.
- 25 | Q. As the recording secretary, it was your job to attend the

- 1 | board meetings?
- 2 A. That's correct.
- 3 Q. And you took notes?
- 4 | A. I did.
- 5 | Q. And sometimes you typed or handwritten or both?
- 6 A. Typed.
- 7 Q. Were you taking those notes at the time the information is
- 8 | being provided during the meeting?
- 9 | A. Yes.
- 10 | Q. While it's being said in the board meeting, you were taking
- 11 down the minutes?
- 12 A. I was, yes, as best I could.
- 13 | Q. And you were recording it in your regular practice?
- 14 | A. I'm sorry?
- 15 | Q. That was your regular practice to take minutes during the
- 16 | meetings?
- 17 | A. Yes.
- 18 | Q. And be as accurate as possible?
- 19 | A. Yes.
- 20 | Q. Then you would then type those up after the board meeting?
- 21 | A. Yes.
- 22 | Q. And then you would provide them to the board members to
- 23 review?
- 24 A. Yes, and to be acted upon at the next regular meeting.
- 25 | Q. These minutes were kept in the ordinary course of the

1 | tribe's business?

- A. Yes, of these boards when I was there.
- 3 | Q. I am only talking about when you were there.
- 4 Would one of the board members sign off on the
- 5 minutes?

- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 | Q. Usually all three?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. How many would usually sign?
- 10 | A. Just one.
- 11 | Q. Are you sure about that?
- 12 A. Well, maybe it was two. I'm sorry. I was thinking
- 13 secretary, and maybe the president signed -- the chairman
- 14 | signed off, I can't recall now.
- 15 Q. Would looking at some board minutes when you were there
- 16 | might help refresh your memory?
- 17 A. That would be helpful. Thank you.
- 18 Q. Take a look at this and look at that time yourself, and
- 19 when you're done looking at it, let me know and see if this
- 20 refreshes your memory.
- 21 | A. Yes.
- 22 | Q. Does looking at that document help refresh your memory?
- 23 | A. Yes.
- 24 | Q. Is your memory refreshed that usually at least two and
- 25 sometimes three people?

- I'm sorry. 1 Α. Yes.
- Three people would sign the board minutes? 2 Q.
- 3 Yes. Α.
- Those would be board members? 4 Q.
- 5 It was a three-member board. Α.
- They would be the people who were at the meeting? 6 0.
- 7 Α. Yes.
- Their signing that would be a way of signifying that the 8
- 9 minutes were correct?
- 10 Α. Yes.
- 11 I will take that back from you. Thank you.
- 12 At some point in time, you recorded some of the board
- 13 minutes?
- 14 Yes. Α.
- 15 Q. And Mr. Ginsberg talked to you about that.
- My question is, how many recordings of board minutes 16
- 17 did you make?
- A. I don't know. Several. Probably most of the board minutes 18
- through 2012 -- board meetings, after June, or maybe after. 19
- 20 don't remember now.
- 21 You don't know when they started?
- 22 I believe the first one was in April.
- 23 Ο. Of?
- 24 Of 2012. Α.
- 25 So then once you began recording them, I think I understood

- your testimony to be you did that so that you would have a 1
- 2 better record?
- Yes. 3 Α.
- That's what you said, that's why you did it? 4 Q.
- 5 Α. Yes.
- And if you were doing that to have a better record, then 6
- 7 you would probably record all the ones you went to?
- I think probably most of them after that, yes. 8
- 9 So there are at least two board meetings a month? Ο.
- 10 Generally. Α.
- 11 0. AMG and MNE Services?
- 12 Α. Yes.
- 13 So if it's April through December, there would be eight
- 14 months and about 16 meetings?
- A. Yes. And there may have been more. There were special 15
- 16 meetings called.
- 17 Q. But your recollection is then that you made, at least, of
- board meetings, 16 recordings? 18
- 19 I can't really say for sure, but that wouldn't surprise me,
- 20 that number would not surprise me.
- 21 Those recordings were turned over to your lawyer Scott --
- 22 is that his name -- Knott?
- 23 Α. Knott.
- 24 A lot of those board meetings took place after that.
- 25 So whatever number of board minutes you say you recorded,

- you did or did not turn them over to Mr. Knott? 1
- 2 THE COURT: Do you understand the question?
- 3 THE WITNESS: I do, your Honor. Thank you.
- 4 I gave him my phone -- let's see. I gave my phone to Brad
- 5 Weidenhammer early in November, I believe, of 2012.
- Who did you give the phone to first? 6 0.
- 7 Scott Knott, but it was earlier than that.
- 8 After you gave the phone to Scott Knott, did you make any
- 9 other recordings on a different device?
- 10 I may have on the -- yes, on the other cell phone from the
- 11 tribe, but they had that.
- 12 Q. So we now have two different phones that have recordings on
- 13 them?
- 14 Α. I may have.
- 15 Q. The phone you gave to Knott?
- 16 Is my personal cell phone. Α.
- 17 However many recordings there were, he gave that phone back Q.
- 18 to you, correct?
- Yes. 19 Α.
- 20 You then gave that phone to Brad?
- 21 To Brad Weidenhammer, yes. Α.
- 22 Q. Who is he?
- 23 He was the tribe's attorney.
- 24 What firm? Ο.
- 25 Kirkland & Ellis. Α.

- 1 | Q. And you never see that phone again, do you?
- 2 A. No, I do not.
- 3 | Q. Did anybody ever come to you and ask you, well, hey, here's
- 4 | the recordings on the phone, does that match up with your
- 5 | memory of how many recordings you made?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Did you keep any kind of written log or any kind of
- 8 computer note or anything at all so that we can figure out how
- 9 many recordings were ever made?
- 10 A. No, I didn't keep anything like that. It was not that
- 11 organized, structured.
- 12 | Q. And no one ever came back to you and asked you to confirm
- 13 | that the phone you gave to Scott, that he then gave to Brad,
- 14 has the same recordings?
- 15 | A. No.
- 16 | Q. Then we have another phone, we will call it phone number
- 17 | two. You now remember you made some recordings on that?
- 18 A. I am trying to remember the time frame. I'm sorry. I'm
- 19 | just not sure.
- 20 | Q. So it's fair --
- 21 A. After Don was gone, I'm not sure.
- 22 | Q. You don't recall anybody ever coming back to you and asking
- 23 you, listen to these recordings, can you match them up to phone
- 24 | number one or phone number two, no one has ever asked you to do
- 25 | that?

- 1 A. No.
- 2 | Q. As you sit here today, you really don't know what the
- 3 universe of recordings are, is that fair to say?
- 4 A. No. Both phones were -- the Miami tribe had both phones.
- 5 | Q. You never saw them after that?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 | Q. Did you make any recordings of board meetings where Tim
- 8 | Muir was present?
- 9 A. When Tim Muir was present? No.
- 10 Q. Put it another way, in prepping for this trial, when you
- 11 | met with the government or the agents, did you ever listen to a
- 12 recording where Tim Muir was on that recording?
- 13 A. Not that I recall. Oh, no, no.
- 14 | Q. You're sure?
- 15 | A. Well, I don't think so.
- 16 | Q. As you sit here, you don't think so?
- 17 A. Right.
- 18 THE COURT: I am going to give you the opportunity to
- 19 | hold your question in suspense until tomorrow morning.
- 20 Ladies and gentlemen, it's been a long day. I know we
- 21 | had an unusual start this morning. I will see you tomorrow
- 22 | 10:00 for a good 10:00 start. Get here a few minutes early.
- 23 And remember, keep an open mind, do not discuss the case
- 24 amongst yourselves or with anyone. No searches or Googling or
- 25 | the like, no posting.

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of borrowers.

1 Have a great evening. See you tomorrow. (Jury exits courtroom) 2 THE COURT: I have marked as Court Exhibit No. 8 draft 3 4 jury instructions, which my law clerk is handing out. 5 You may step down, and if you don't mind stepping out 6 of the courtroom. 7 (Witness exits courtroom) 8 THE COURT: What does the government have left after 9 this witness? 10 MR. VELAMOOR: In terms of numbers of witnesses, 11 Judge? 12 THE COURT: I guess that means you have plural 13 witnesses after this witness. Tell me who you have. What do 14 you have? 15 MR. VELAMOOR: Judge, we intend to call a lawyer who 16 pushed through the paperwork on the Tucker vs. AMG lawsuit. We 17 intend to call an IT person at the company who can speak to 18 various things that have not been discussed yet in the trial. We intend to call at least one person from one of the other 19 20 tribes other than the Miami tribe. 21 MR. GINSBERG: Can we get names? 22 MR. VELAMOOR: We have additional borrowers that we 23 intend to call, and we intend to -- we have conferred with

They don't intend to object in terms of the numbers

THE COURT: I have a job here. In terms of cumulativeness, I get a vote on it also. Do you understand that?

MR. VELAMOOR: Of course.

THE COURT: It may be in the defense's interest to prolong this case. I am not going to allow repetitive testimony to come in before the jury. So it's whoopee do that the defense doesn't object. It's still a question of whether it's cumulative.

What else?

MR. VELAMOOR: We have a letter to explain why we don't think it is.

THE COURT: What else?

MR. VELAMOOR: We intend to call our summary witness.

THE COURT: What is your summary witness?

MR. VELAMOOR: The summary witness is going to put some figures, in terms of the volume of the loans, the number of borrowers in New York, as well as put before the jury some of the spending from nominally tribal bank accounts by the defendants, which again goes to show that Mr. Tucker in fact was the beneficial owner and controller over the bank accounts.

THE COURT: What else?

MR. VELAMOOR: Then we are going to have a few custodial-type witnesses to get in very briefly just additional documents, which I don't think will take very long at all.

THE COURT: Do you ever have conversations with your colleagues about juror comprehension and juror attention? Do you ever talk about that? Or do you just talk about ones you're going to put in? You don't have to answer it.

Jurors set aside their personal lives to come and listen to the case. They don't need repetition and prolonging the evidence to the nth degree. I think I have been very accommodating in allowing attorneys to conduct their examinations, but that's been met with dragging things out. So I would urge you to be snappy about what you're doing or you're going to be shut down, because it's apparent to me that at least one side in this case, the side that's on their case in chief, is not attentive to juror attention, and it's some form of automatic pilot where there is not even a sense that there is a jury in the room. That's what I see.

Have a nice evening.

MR. GINSBERG: Judge, we really need to know names of who the witnesses are and when because this is going to be our ultimate problem. We have a number of witnesses who are all out of state, and I think almost every one of them are witnesses that would be Scott Tucker witnesses that we have to arrange through an order from your Honor and then through the marshal service — well, e-voucher and then the marshal service to have them come to New York, because that's how it has to be arranged.

THE COURT: Talk to the government.

MR. GINSBERG: We just really need to know exactly because we don't want to have people coming in on Thursday and then there's four days and then we have a problem with the marshal.

THE COURT: That's why I am suggesting you talk to the government. I am trying to get some answers out of the government about how long this is going to go on for, and I have failed miserably, Mr. Ginsberg.

I will see you tomorrow.

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